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China Reds May Modify Alien Policy

Nanking, March 2. Foreign observers believe the present stiff Communist policy towards foreigners is likely to improve once a practical government machinery is set up.

Once the new government, generally agreed to be dominated by Chinese Reds, begins to grapple with problems of stability, peace and economic reforms, it probably will realise its mistake in burning the bridge behind.

Observers said today they believed that economic reforms largely depend on the international situation. Of particular importance is the United States whose factory output is in the best position to aid China's recovery.

The news blackout on 17 foreign newsmen in Peking, is a good example of the deep-seated suspicions of the Communist leaders, who lived in a vacuum for many years without a clear picture of the outside world.

These observers said the best weapon against Chinese Reds' restrictions is a world-wide publicity. They believe the Reds will become hyper-sensitive of such should they attempt to negotiate for foreign recognition and assistance.

Reaction in Nanking to the Chinese Red actions appears to be divided three groups:

1. Those who feel the Communists will get still tougher to drive foreigners and foreign influences from China. Pointing to the isolation of foreign consulates in Mukden, they say the Chinese Reds had ample time to set up the agencies for dealing with foreigners had they intended.

2. Those feeling that things have moved too fast for the Communists, who did not see the Nationalist collapse in North China and Manchuria coming so soon. They feel the new Red-dominated government will not have freedom of religion, speech and press in the Western sense, but nevertheless it will not be all-out totalitarianism.

3. Those expecting a Communist harshness similar to the Kuomintang 1927 rise to power when it also was anti-foreign and anti-Christian.

Missionaries are divided. Some feel the Reds, like the Kuomintang, eventually will relax their harshness, and others think they are more systematic and thorough than the Kuomintang and will increase restrictions. — United Press.

HK's Fall Aired In Canada's House

Ottawa, March 2. Mr. George Drew, Canadian Opposition leader, today released to the press a letter about the fall of Hong Kong which the Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, had refused to disclose in Parliament because it contained information the British Government did not want publicised.

The letter, written by Mr. Drew to Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, former Canadian Prime Minister, after Canada's probe into its alleged expedition to Hong Kong, alleged that:

1. Three days before the expedition sailed on October 27, 1941, Mr. Mackenzie King received a most explicit warning from the British Government of the possibility of early hostilities.

2. There was ample evidence that Britain had no thought of attempting to hold Hong Kong in the event of war with Japan. — Reuters.

Dr. W. W. Yen Declares Rest Up To Cabinet

GOV'T CHANGE PENDING

Shanghai, March 2. Shanghai's three-man non-partisan peace delegation returned here by air from Nanking today after successfully fulfilling its mission of opening the door to formal peace negotiations between Nationalists and Communists.

Headed by the veteran diplomat, Dr. W. W. Yen, the group were welcomed at the airfield by Mayor K. C. Wu, the Chairman of the City Council, Mr. Pan Kung-chen and other local leaders.

Upon alighting from the plane, Dr. Yen, who conferred with the Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung, and other top-ranking Communists, told reporters that he considered his task completed and the delegation disbanded.

He said that he had told the Communist leaders in Peking the calamity that would befall the people if the civil war was not ended, and added that he had successfully kicked off the ball of peace and now it is up to the Government to carry it forward.

Before leaving Nanking this morning, the delegation members are believed to have discussed with the Inner Cabinet Minister, General Chang Chun, proposals for the nationalisation of China's armies as part of the peace plan with the Communists.

Mr. Shao Ls-tse, Nationalist peace delegate who accompanied the Shanghai delegation in an unofficial capacity, announced in Nanking today that the mission of the Shanghai non-partisan delegation in Communist territory has ended.

To Work Again

Whether peace crystallises now in China depends upon the future efforts of the Government, Dr. Shao said.

Whenever the delegates are needed, they will be glad to work again for the people, he added. Dr. Shao made his statement after the delegation had reported to President Li Tsung-jen and Nationalist leaders in the capital on the recent exchange of views about peace negotiations with the Communists.

Nationalist China is now looking hopefully to the important discussions between the President and provincial leaders for the next move from the Government on the peace chessboard. The consultations began last night at the President's residence and continued today.

Reliable sources said the leaders are discussing not only the next move expected to pave the way for formal peace negotiations, but also what reforms should be immediately introduced in Nationalist China to prepare for peace and political reconstruction.

The Associated Press reports Mr. Shao denied that only the Central Air Transportation would be allowed to resume flights in Peiping from points in Nationalist-held territory.

The Press had reported that the China National Aviation Corporation, specifically would not be permitted to resume its Peiping schedule, ostensibly because of its connection with the United States-owned Pan-American Airways.

Cabinet Reshuffle

Mr. Shao said the restoration of postal services and communications between Red and Nationalist areas negotiated by the peace mission applied to all airlines.

Reports that Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet was returning to Nanking and would be re-shuffled were published here today, but confirmation was not available.

One newspaper said the Deputy Premier, General Wu Tcheng, would resign and probably would be succeeded by Professor Ku Meng-yu, prominent Kuomintang liberal, who previously declined to accept any post.

If he refuses, the newspaper said, Mr. Liang Shao-hsiung, the Acting President's closest adviser, would become deputy to Mr. Sun Fo.

The Premier is expected to explain at a press conference tomorrow his policies and refute the allegations made against him.

Gov't Cruiser Not Involved

Nanking, March 2. The spokesman of the government information office said today the report that the Chinese naval cruiser Chungking was handed over to the Chinese Reds by its officers and crew was erroneous.

He said the ship involved in the surrender was a naval transport, but added he had not the name, size and type of the vessel.

At the same time, he said he had no information regarding the Chungking.

The Naval office spokesman here said he had no information that the former British cruiser Aurora, which was given to China, had been taken to Chefoo by the crew. — United Press.

Shanghai reports said the Cabinet reshuffle would be partial, and would aim at eliminating unpopular ministers, as those who have been consistently requesting permission to resign.

The latter group is said to include Mr. Ku Cheng-kang, Minister of Social Affairs, General Yu Ta-wei, Minister of Communications, Mr. Chen Hsueh-ping, acting Minister of Education, and Mr. Chao Sung, Minister of Justice.

To Reduce Offices

The Associated Press reports from Nanking that besides the appointments of new Ministers, there will be streamlining of Government offices, reduction of personnel and amalgamation of different departments affected according to the retrenchment policy announced by President Li Tsung-jen.

It is believed the Ministers of Food and Social Affairs are likely to be abolished.

Meanwhile, the Associated Press reported that Chinese official circles in Nanking today welcomed the proposed U.S.\$240,000,000 ECA programme for China as the first concrete indication that the United States intends to continue active support of the National Government.

Initial reaction of government officials to the Washington report that such a programme was under consideration was the prediction that the proposal would immediately serve to boost Nationalist morale. One official suggested that the disclosure alone of the contemplated programme might strengthen Nanking's bargaining position with the Communists.

An official statement by a government spokesman on the announcement in Washington that the ECA officials had drafted such a programme was not yet forthcoming this afternoon. Details of the programme that would cover the next fiscal year beginning June 30 were awaited.

Present Programme

The present U.S. \$275,000,000 appropriation for the initial phase of the China programme, ending in April 3 is expected to be continued through June 30 from current funds still unexpended.

The Chinese government is known to have submitted at least two general plans for extension of the China programme to ECA Chief Mr. Hoffman during his visit to Shanghai last December.

One called for a \$80,000,000 stop-gap programme covering the interim from April 3 to June 30 and the other for \$3,000,000,000 in funds to be allocated over a three year period beginning next July.

The government recently recommended to ECA China Director Roger D. Lapham that \$70,000,000 replacement and reconstruction allocation of the present programme be unfrozen particularly for projects affecting Formosa and South China railways. Hoffman suspended that programme except for a pre-project engineering on December 21 because of the chaotic internal conditions.

The attitude of the State Department representatives in China towards extension of the China aid programme has generally been one of wait and see. Unsettled issues of peace or war between Nanking and the Communists and what may be the character of the government or governments emerging from the present crisis have stalled efforts to frame definite recommendations for Congressional consideration. The feeling has been "let's keep a foot in the door and wait developments."

In Red China

The question of whether it will be possible to continue such projects in Communist China as those which fall under the joint commission for rural reconstruction has not yet been decided. Decision on the Communist side seems to hinge on whether the Red leaders consider the economic value to be gained from continuance of these projects in terms of goodwill to be gained by the United States.

There is a sharp division of opinion among American officials as to the advisability of proposing an ECA programme for Red China should such a programme prove acceptable to the Communists, who are hopelessly committed to a close alliance with Russia, in opposition to the United States. The other believes that the proper type of American assistance might succeed sooner in winning Chinese Reds away from Moscow and retain the great body of goodwill towards the United States built up in China during the last decades. — Reuters and Associated Press.

Utilities Cut Off At Soviet Mission

Frankfurt, March 2. American military police today set up a watertight blockade around the house occupied by the eight Russian members of the Soviet repatriation commission, who said they could not leave the American zone as ordered until they heard from Moscow.

The Russians apparently have settled down for a long siege in the luxurious red sandstone mansion that served as their residence and office. The strains of accordion music were heard floating from the blocked house.

German workmen shut off all water, gas, electricity and telephone service to the house by disconnecting wires and digging up the mains.

Eight American military police, each armed with a .45 calibre automatic pistol and a police club, patrolled the house under orders to let no one in or out.

Colony Assured Of Water For 4 Months

At the present rate of consumption, Hong Kong's fresh water supply is sufficient for the next four months, the "China Mail" learned officially yesterday.

The Colony's present storage of fresh water in all reservoirs amount to approximately 3,300,000,000 gallons.

A Government spokesman said yesterday that the amount is sufficient to last 120 days. The average daily consumption is about 27,500,000 gallons.

The average daily consumption before the current restrictions were imposed on December 1—between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. daily—was about 32,000,000 gallons.

Since the imposition of the restrictions, there has been a reduction of about 30 per cent.

The spokesman ruled out the possibility of further restrictions being imposed. He said that additional restrictions would be necessary only in the event of a greater influx of people into the Colony.

The spokesman added that the public should try their best not to waste water. Leaky taps and defective taps should be reported to the authorities concerned. Only authorised plumbers should be allowed to repair such defects.

Second Russian Seeks Haven By Paddling Raft To Japan Isle

Tokyo, March 2. A second Russian, Innokenty Zyryanov, aged 24, has made his way to American occupation authorities, seeking a haven.

Zyryanov paddled 30 miles on a home-made raft from Kunashiri Island, 30 miles North East of Hokkaido, fighting off fierce seals in the icy water. The trip was made last September.

Authoritative sources said there was no connection between Zyryanov and Sergeant Vladimir Barashkov. Red airman whose flight to Japan last November was revealed yesterday.

Zyryanov, it was learned, asked American authorities to keep him out of Russian custody. He said he escaped to avoid racial persecution. Zyryanov's father was Japanese and his mother Russian. Both, he said, were killed by the Russians for political reasons.

Zyryanov served as a telephone lineman in the Red Army in Siberia, Sakhalin and the Kuriles during the war. He remained as a civilian on Kunashiri Island—the closest Russian-held point to occupied Japan.

To Leave Japan

Meanwhile, the United Press reported that the Soviet sergeant, Vladimir Barashkov, who stole a plane and flew to Japan to escape from Communist custody, probably will leave Japan within the next 24 hours to begin his new life outside the "Iron Curtain," General Douglas MacArthur's spokesman told the United Press today.

Colonel M.P. Echols, SCAP's public information officer, said it is not yet known where Barashkov will go to live. Thus far the army has stated only that he is being resettled.

The fugitive previously stated he wants to devote his life to exposing living and political conditions in Russia, but today Colonel Echols did not throw much light on the Russian's future. Asked what Barashkov would do for a living, the colonel said that depends on where Barashkov goes.

Asked if Barashkov would be supported, and by whom, Colonel Echols replied: "He is being supported by the army at the present time."

He indicated that after Barashkov reaches his destination, probably will be interested in signing some contracts for writing books and articles. Associated Press and United Press.

Patrol Plan Awaits Police Authorisation

If police approval is forthcoming, a day and night patrol of Queen's Road Central, from Ice House Street to Possession Street, by 36 uniformed armed guards working in eight-hour shifts, will begin this month.

The Police Commissioner's permission to organise this force will be sought today or tomorrow by promoters of the Queen's Road Central Shopkeepers Self-Protection Association.

The promoters met at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce yesterday evening to discuss measures of implementing the plan.

A request will be made to the police for a loan of the arms required, but if this is not granted, permission will be asked to purchase the arms and ammunition.

Up to yesterday more than 200 shopkeepers had subscribed to the self-protection scheme. The total number of subscribers is expected to reach 300. Subscriptions from members will range from HK\$15 to \$25 each, depending upon the size or scope of their business.

They hope the police will have no objection to their project, as it will help prevent robberies, and contribute to the maintenance of law and order," said a promoter to the "China Mail" when asked whether police consent had been sought.

"If our scheme proves a success, shopkeepers in other districts may follow our example," he said.

USSR MOVES TO MATCH NORTH ATLANTIC PACT WITH OWN ALLIANCE

Prague, March 2. The Cominform may be getting ready to hatch a military alliance to match the North Atlantic pact.

Reports from Poland said a Cominform military conference has been called for about March 13 in Hungary. Reliable sources in Warsaw were quoted as saying the defence chiefs of the Eastern European countries were expected to review their military preparations.

The announced purpose of the Cominform (Communist International Information Bureau) is limited to propaganda. It is an organisation of the Communist parties of Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary, France and Italy and was organised to fight the Marshall Plan and U.S. imperialism.

A little more than a month ago, however, a parallel economic organisation, the Economic Council for Mutual Aid (ECMA), was formed by Russia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and Czechoslovakia—all of the Cominform countries except France and Italy, where non-Communist governments are in power, and Yugoslavia, which has been expelled.

At that time, it was predicted by some observers that a parallel military organisation also would be formed.

The Cominform satellites already are linked with Moscow in a series of mutual assistance treaties. These treaties lack the all-embracing character of a general alliance. They pledge mutual assistance only in event of war with Germany or a power joined directly or indirectly with Germany.

A clear military alliance, it is presumed, would be proclaimed as a defensive measure in keeping with Moscow's avowed policy of peaceful intentions. In effect, it would be new evidence of a hardening of attitude in this part of the world.

The armies of the Eastern European nations are now modelled after the Soviet pattern. Their leaders have announced they would stand beside the Soviet Army in any fight.

The biggest task of any Cominform alliance would be to integrate or standardise weapons, ammunition and equipment. Czechoslovakia traditionally is an arms producing nation.

If such standardisation could be attained, the Soviet Union would have important frontline shock troops along her western borders to help defend Russia. — Associated Press.

Monila, March 2. An Air Force B-29 with nine men aboard is more than 24 hours overdue at the Clark Field airbase and is feared to have crashed in the lofty unexplored Cordillera Range of North Luzon. — Associated Press.

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The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the moderate anti-cyclone persists over China and is spreading Eastwards as the depression now centred off the Western coast of North Honshu moves away to the East. A trough of low pressure extending S/E from Tsinghai into SW China is also moving slowly Eastwards.

Today's Forecast—Light and variable winds during night, moderate E or SE winds by day. Fair becoming cloudy with scattered light rain or drizzle developing later.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 72.5 deg. F., minimum 57.4 deg. F., Sunshine 8.7 hours. Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—288.5 mm.—44.1 in., as against an average of 22.1 mm.—.87 in.

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Rel. Humidity 72 78 %
Dew Point 55 55 deg. F.
Wind Direction S 25
Wind Force 10 10 knots.
Clouds 70 70
Fog None
High 1109 1109
Low 1020 1020
Mean 1064 1064

POPE PIUS XI'S 73RD BIRTHDAY
Vatican City, March 2. Pope Pius XI today observed his 73rd birthday and 10th anniversary as head of the Roman Catholic Church.

Official celebration of the Pontiff's elevation to Pope will take place on March 12, the 10th anniversary of his coronation, when a pontifical mass will be read in the Sistine Chapel.

The only event to mark the occasion today was the appearance of a commemorative article summarising the Pope's achievements with his own Latin motto "Following Truth in Charity." — United Press.

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FURTHER EVIDENCE IN PWD LARCENY TRIAL

Further evidence of electrical jobs done by PWD men at Pokfulam and at Lowbridge Shackleton and Company of Printed's Building, was given yesterday at the PWD larceny trial by several Crown witnesses.

Among them were Dr. G. H. Thomas, Deputy Director of Medical Services, for whom the Pokfulam job was done, and H. Heilmeyer, manager of Lowbridge Shackleton and Company.

Accused are Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Arthur Frederick May, electrical inspector Grade 1, both of the Public Works Department, who are charged with three counts of larceny by public servant and three counts of falsification of documents with intent to defraud the Government.

Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Houston, is conducting the prosecution assisted by Mr. J. Johnson and Mr. D. G. Macpherson, Assistant Superintendents of Police. Kwok Kwong is not legally represented and is conducting his own defence. Arthur May is being defended by Mr. A. J. Clifford instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart.

J. C. Brown, Chief Electrical and Mechanical Engineer of the PWD, who had given evidence yesterday, was re-examined by Mr. Houston, Crown Counsel, at yesterday's start of hearing.

Next witness was J. Watson, Acting Controller of Stores on August 14, 1948, who said in evidence that he was appointed on August 14 to act as chairman of a Board of Survey held at the PWD Hung Hom workshop.

The investigations there took two days. Mr. Johnson of the Anti-Corruption Branch represented the police, he said, while Mr. Harvey was observer for the PWD.

Kwok Kwong was also present throughout the survey, he added. Watson went on to state that the Board proceeded to take a list of all items in the workshop stores. Few estimated job order sheets were produced, he said, but they were of no value for checking stores on hand.

In addition to estimated job order sheets there were produced inventories of plant machinery, tools and furniture. These items were checked, witness said, and a few discrepancies were found.

Scattered Around

In the store-room proper, Watson continued, his first impression was that the stores were put away in a rather systematic fashion, but later as they proceeded with the survey, items were found scattered around rather haphazardly.

Cross-examined by Mr. Clifford, witness disclosed he was appointed by the Colonial Secretary as chairman of the Board of Survey.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, Acting Director of Medical Services during July last year, stated in the witness stand that he owned some houses at Pokfulam which were his personal property.

The houses, Dr. Thomas continued, at the time were not ready for electrical work and he himself did not take any active steps for it to be done. However, he said, when May, who was a personal friend of his, called at his office one afternoon to discuss various subjects, he asked May if he could help him to recommend someone who could do some electrical work in his houses.

Continuing, witness said that May told him he knew someone who could do the job. May further said he would consult a contractor and let witness know. When he had things arranged he would go out and visit the premises, May is alleged to have said.

After a few days, Dr. Thomas went on, May told him over the phone that he was bringing someone along to the houses at Pokfulam. It was then agreed between them to meet at the front entrance of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank where Dr. Thomas' office was situated.

May eventually came in his car, in the back seat of which was seated a Chinese man. The car then proceeded to Pokfulam carrying Dr. Thomas and his wife, May and the Chinese.

From Room To Room

On reaching his houses at Pokfulam, witness continued, they went along from room to room. Witness said he pointed out the places where the installation had to be done.

Replying to a question, witness said he gathered at the time that some contractor was going to do the work, though he was never told of the name of the contractor, nor was he ever shown any estimate of the work, nor did he receive any bill for it.

When eventually the police stepped in, Dr. Thomas revealed, the work was stopped, but was eventually completed by some outside contractor.

Dr. Thomas further said he could not remember the Chinese who was at the back seat of May's car and who accompanied him and May to Pokfulam.

Cross-examined by Mr. Clifford, Dr. Thomas disclosed that when the electricians came to work at the premises, he got the impression that they were from the contractors. They worked very regularly, he said.

Witness further said he told May that if the contractor wanted any additional electrical supplies, he would buy them.

Further questioned, Dr. Thomas said he knew May well, and knew him in all his dealings as a very honest person. Witness further said he thought a great deal of the accused by the things he did during the war.

In this particular case, Dr. Thomas said, he could not believe that May was doing anything unworthy.

Counsel then asked witness with regard to the Pokfulam job that, if he had been asked to pay in the end, whether he would expect to pay a contractor on the presentation of a bill, to which Dr. Thomas agreed.

When something was mentioned about Government men doing the work, witness said, he became puzzled.

Questioned further, Dr. Thomas admitted that apart from the first time May went over to Pokfulam, he never visited the place again.

Unaware

Counsel then asked if in the event of witness finding out that those employed had been Government employees working in their spare time he would have paid them individually for their spare time. Witness replied that he had been aware that the job was to be done by Government men, he would not have agreed to it.

Questioned further by Counsel, Dr. Thomas recalled May's willingness to help all during the Japanese occupation and what he did for himself and others. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, witness mentioned, further told him that May could be counted upon.

The next witness was Mrs. Thomas, Dr. Thomas' wife, who testified that she and her sister went along to the houses at Pokfulam in May's car, with the others. Witness said she could recognise Kwok Kwong as the Chinese man who sat in the back seat in the car by his gold teeth.

Mrs. Thomas further stated that during the course of the work at Pokfulam, old switches which she had bought during the war were supplied to the electricians. Witness identified three workmen in Court as having taken part in the job.

Mrs. Thomas revealed under cross-examination by Kwok Kwong that no mention was made by any of the witnesses that they were Government men. They did the work, very well, she added. She did not speak to any of the workers.

Li Chor, PWD electrician attached to the Hung Hom workshop, testified as to having gone to Pokfulam on July 23, 1948, to work with materials taken from Hung Hom on Kwok Kwong's orders. Witness further described how the materials were taken out from the store and laid outside, and how they were transported across the harbour.

Witness also testified that on August 6, some more wires were taken from Hung Hom. Witness further testified that he never did any work at Castle Peak on those days, or at To Wai Wan Market, or at Kowloon Hospital, or Lai Chi Kok Hospital.

Witness was then cross-examined by Mr. Clifford, in the course of which he was asked if he had ever done Government jobs during which electrical supplies had to be supplied to him other than through the official source, to which Li replied in the negative. He added that it never occurred to him there could be anything irregular about the job.

Counsel then asked Li if he did not think it his duty to carry out a report of where he and his men were working, to which witness stated that he was not a chargehand himself though he was acting as one at the time.

Had To Do It

Asked whether he would have worked at the Pokfulam job if he had known it was a private job, Li told the court that he had to do as he was on the instructions of Kwok Kwong. Mr. Clifford then put it to witness that in that case, he would have been quite willing to draw Government pay for that job. Li in reply said he could not say he was willing, but that he was compelled to do so, as Kwok Kwong was his superior.

After further cross-examination, Li was re-examined by Mr. Houston, after which Lung Mun, Ng Shu and Ho Cheong, PWD electricians, gave corroborative evidence as to the job at Pokfulam. Two coolies also gave corroborative evidence in that respect.

H. Heilmeyer, manager of Lowbridge, Shackleton and Company, a brother-in-law of May, testified that he was having trouble with his eyes some time in July last year on account of the lights in his office. It so happened that he had a discussion with May about the lights, during which May mentioned that fluorescent lights might be better in the office. Witness said he replied that he experienced he had with fluorescent lights had not been satisfactory.

Continuing, witness said he asked May whether he would help him time to look around for a good kind of fluorescent lights. May agreed, he said.

The lights were eventually installed, witness stated. "About two days before the lights were installed, a Chinese man came to inspect the place. Asked if he could recognise the man, witness said he could not."

Two or three days afterwards, Heilmeyer went on, a bill was received for \$70. This was paid accordingly about the end of July.

Heilmeyer revealed under cross-examination that when he thanked May later on for his suggestion, May said: "You don't have to thank me."

He further disclosed that on the day he gave evidence in the

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Wanted: Courtesy

Sir,—The last letter of mine which you were good enough to publish in your esteemed columns, which concerned a dancing monkey, brought amazingly swift action from the police, which was as gratifying as it was unexpected in a city where the Authorities seem utterly indifferent to the needs of the people. I am therefore encouraged to request you to publish another letter in the hope that similar results will be forthcoming.

Over two months ago, a group of Hong Kong residents of several nationalities (including British and Chinese) requested me to write a letter to the Postmaster General containing some suggestions for a series of broadcasts on subjects connected with Oriental culture. After I had written it, several members of the group added their signatures to mine. Many weeks passed, yet no reply was received. I therefore wrote again, tactfully suggesting that my previous letter might never have reached its destination. Now more weeks have passed and I have not yet been granted the courtesy of a reply.

I consider this lack of courtesy symptomatic of the attitude of many Hong Kong officials towards the public of Hong Kong. We are the Colony of a country renowned throughout the world for the quiet good manners of its people. Moreover, at the present time, the Government in power there is a Socialist one and, therefore, in a certain sense particularly representative of quite humble people like myself.

Thus it is all the more regrettable that our local officials should turn to 19th century St. Petersburg for their model rather than to the capital city of our Empire. I judge from many of the letters published in the China Mail that I am not alone in deploring the undemocratic and discourteous methods of the officials whose emoluments we pay through taxation.

JOHN BULL.

One-Sided

Sir,—I heartily endorse the statement by "So Sorry" in your letter columns. We shall be grateful if the authority here will take notice of public sentiment with regard to one-sided Ordinances, Land Transaction Ordinances, which enrich those who amassed huge fortunes under the Japanese.

A JAPANESE VICTIM

INDIA—JAPAN
A Bharat Airways plane, on a survey flight from India to Japan, is due to arrive at Kai Tak at 12.30 p.m. today.

The plane, expected here yesterday, was delayed at Saigon. She left New Delhi on Monday.

The Bharat Airways plans to operate an air service to Tokyo with stopovers at Bangkok, Saigon, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors of the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, have recommended payment of a final dividend of seven per cent less Income Tax making 12 per cent for the year, according to advice received from the Bank's head office in England.

Lower Court he bought from an outside contractor two similar lights to replace the ones taken by the police from his office. The bill for these lights, he said, was \$62.

Tang Wing-chu, sheriff of Lowbridge, Shackleton and Company, gave further evidence as to the payment by cash of the bill for the two lights, which was for \$70, and which he said was brought by one Kwok Hop, whom he identified in court.

Hearing will continue at 10 o'clock today.

What is the World thinking?

Read the opinions of the World's Capitals, giving the background of today's events, in *The Economist* and *The New Statesman and Nation* of Feb. 26th.

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Industrial Welfare Progress Of Colony

Hong Kong's progress in the field of industrial welfare during the past 30 years compared favourably with that made by Great Britain during the past 100 years.

Mrs. M. Allison, speaking at the fortnightly meeting of the Hong Kong Council of Social Services held yesterday evening in the lecture room of the Public Relations Office, stressed that the Colony was, industrially still in its youth, compared with England and other countries of Europe.

That fact, she said, accounted for certain unsatisfactory conditions existing in the field of labour here. She expressed optimism, however, that new legislation such as the proposed Workmen's Compensation Act, the strengthening of managerial control, and pressure of public opinion would bring about much needed changes in the not too distant future.

Mr. E. L. Brown, Chief Inspector of the Labour Office, preceded Mrs. Allison with a short historical background of British labour legislation in England aimed at providing for the worker there adequate measures for health, safety and welfare, both on the job and outside the factory.

Mr. Brown said that Great Britain had made notable progress in improving the worker's lot in England during the past 30 years. Special attention now is paid to the physical comfort of the worker, he explained. Lighting, ventilation, colour and even music considered in the development of the ideal factory working condition already existing in some British factories today and aimed at by all the others.

Mrs. Allison commented that Hong Kong, too, should strive for such ideal conditions. She cited as necessary to this end a greater interest by employers in their employees, particularly the woman, who too often were neglected in favour of the men or boys working in factories.

Female Government workers receive maternity benefits, she said, but too few outside management provide anything of the sort. Personnel problems also should be given more intelligent attention by management, she declared, for such problems often cause production difficulties, difficulties which, if eliminated

would mean real gain to the firms concerned. Mrs. Allison, concluded with the expressed hope that Government, management and public would work together toward the early attainment in Hong Kong of the ideal conditions outlined by Mr. Brown.

Six-Year Term For Kidnapper

"I don't know whether you have a mother alive now, but I wonder if you can imagine what your own mother would have gone through if you had been kidnapped under similar circumstances."

These remarks were addressed by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice) to Mak Kau, 25-year-old villager, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday before sentence of six years' hard labour was passed on Mak.

Mak Kau was found guilty by a jury on Tuesday on charges of child stealing and issuing letters demanding money with threat.

Mr. M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Inspector E. G. White, conducted the case for the prosecution.

Chan Kwong-yu, the six-year-old boy whom Mak Kau was found guilty of stealing, disappeared on December 14 last year, on his way home from school at On Long in the New Territories.

He was not recovered until December 30, when his mother, Ng Kwan, paid a ransom of \$1,000 to accused for his return.

Before sentence was passed on Mak Kau, Sir Leslie Gibson asked him if he had anything to say. Mak asked for leniency because he had only acted as an intermediary and did not kidnap the child himself.

Passing sentence, Sir Leslie Gibson said: "The jury found you were not an intermediary, and that you did kidnap the boy. I fail to see how the jury could have come to any other conclusion."

"I don't know whether you have a mother alive now, but I wonder if you can imagine what your own mother would have gone through if you had been kidnapped under similar circumstances."

"It is not only in question of mental anguish. You also caused the parents to sell her rice and jewellery and stripped her of everything she had, and the money was never returned."

"In this case, the letters demanding money purported to come from some political organisation. Whether they came from that political organisation or not has nothing to do with me."

"Speaking for myself, I doubt very much whether there was a basis for any political organisation behind your actions, because I find it very hard to believe that the political organisation in question would do what you have done in the matter of this child."

"On the four counts I propose to pass concurrent sentences on you, that is, you will go to prison for the longest of those sentences."

Accused was then sentenced to four years' on the second count, six years' on the third count, five years' on the fourth count and three years' on the fifth count. He was found not guilty on the first count.

MURDER BY PERSON UNKNOWN

A verdict of murder committed by person or persons unknown was returned by Mr. F. K. A. Almond, sitting as Coroner, and assisted by a jury of two men and one woman, at an inquiry into the death of a Chinese man, Chinese man. His body was found lying on the pavement of Des Voeux Road West, on November 2 last year.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday the 17th day of March, 1949, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1948, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 5th March to 17th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

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Application forms may be obtained on personal request at the Labour Office, Fire Brigade Building, before April 1, 1949.

March 3, 1949.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Notice to Members

Australian Subscription Ponies 1950

The Stewards have ordered a batch of 100 Australian Subscription Ponies to race in 1950 and they now invite Members to subscribe for them.

An application form has been posted to every Member. In the event of non-delivery further forms may be obtained at the Club's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

The Subscription List will close with THURSDAY, 31ST MARCH, 1949.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 21, 1949.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 12, 1949 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, March 3, 1949.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

PORTUGUESE INSTITUTE

On the 4th of March inst., Mr. Leo d'Almeida e Castro will deliver a lecture entitled "Some notes on the Portuguese in Hong Kong." This lecture will take place at the Club Lusitano, Ice House Street No. 16, at 6.00 p.m.

NOTICE REQUIEM MASS

A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Father Gerald Kennedy, S.J., will be celebrated at Wah Yan College, Robinson Road, on

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday, 18th February, 1949, to Friday, 4th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 5, 1949.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 22nd day of March, 1949, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 8th to the 22nd day of March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 22, 1949.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

REMINDER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All Members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Automobile Association will be held in the HONG KONG HOTEL ROOF GARDEN

TODAY

THURSDAY, March 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.

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A mountain climbing contest, with the peak of Lion Rock Mountain as the objective, will take place at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

The contest is being sponsored by the Chinese YMCA and kindred Chinese Associations.

Up till 5 p.m. yesterday, a total of 66 contestants, all Chinese, had entered for the contest.

The ages of those who have submitted their names range from 16 to 29 years, the only exception being one Au Hong, who is 58 years old.

The distance to be covered will be about 5,000 metres. The starting point will be at the terminal of the No. 7 Bus Route at Kowloon Tong.

The prize distribution will take place on the Basketball Ground of the Chinese YMCA. Those desiring to take part in the contest are requested to submit their names and other particulars to the Chinese YMCA at Waterloo Road.

Two Soldiers Fined For Larceny

Two soldiers from the Buffs were given a fine of \$30 or 30 days in default, when they pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny of foodstuffs belonging to His Majesty's Government.

Defendants were Privates Ronald Hickman, a cook attached to the Army entering corps, and Andrew Murphy.

Inspector McKay, prosecuting said on information received that Hickman was seen dumping a sack of foodstuffs by the roadside.

Asked if defendants had anything to say, Hickman said he would like to take the whole responsibility.

Private Murphy, he stated, did not know what he was doing and did not receive any money at all. Captain McGrath testified to the good character of both defendants.

The shop mistress was fined \$450, for receiving the stolen property. The shop took was discharged.

BIF COMMITTEE CHARTER PLANE

The Hong Kong British Industries Fair Committee have chartered from the British Overseas Airways Corporation a "Solent" flying-boat to take the Hong Kong delegation to the British Industries Fair.

The "Solent" flying-boat, the largest flying boat in commercial use in the world, has not been seen in Hong Kong before. The aircraft is being flown out to Hong Kong to take the Hong Kong group to London.

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South realized too late that he could just as well have had a re-entry to his own hand for the heart finesse. If on the diamond tops he had played the 9 and 3 from dummy and left a little card there, he could have used the 6 in his own hand for a re-entry. But the time he should have realized that was away back when he was playing the diamonds, not afterwards.

Tomorrow's Problem

Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.

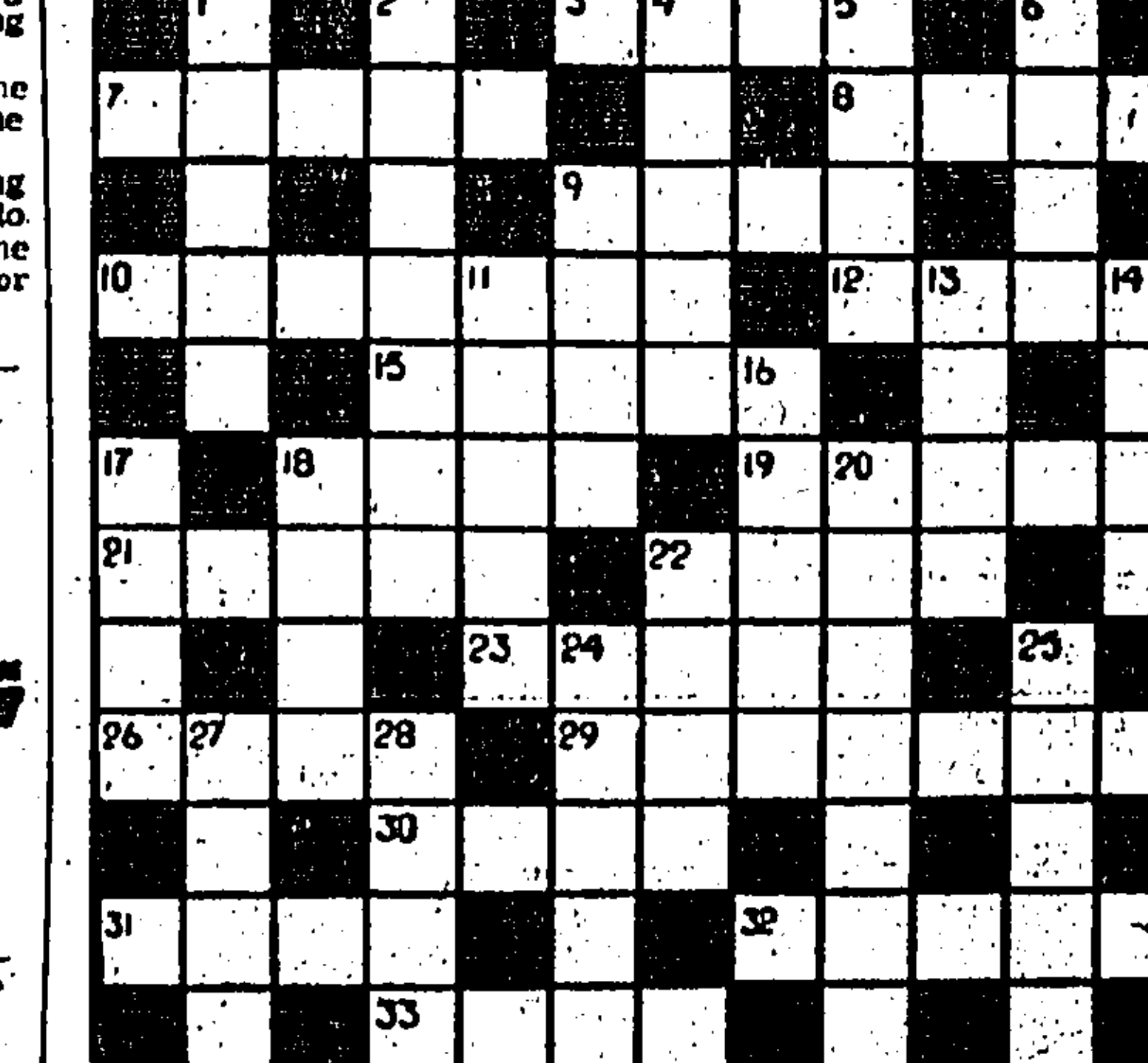
North 1 H Pass 2 N Pass 3-D Pass 3 NT

Maybe that isn't the best bidding ever known, but it was good enough to put South into a game contract he could have made if he had been keen enough. West opened the spade 3 to the J and K. South blithely scored the diamond A and K, playing low from dummy, and then gave up a third diamond to East to establish the fourth. The spade return gave West three tricks there, so that

(Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable.)

What plan of play should South adopt for his 3-No Trumps if the defenders lead diamonds against him?

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Yesterday's Crossword

Across:—1. Abrupt. 7. Edit. 8. Atomic. 10. April. 11. Atom. 12. Adolescent. 15. Gown. 16. Boss. 17. Astonished. 22. Edge. 24. Renew. 25. Admit. 26. Rise. 27. Yields.

Down:—2. Barjo. 3. Uncle. 4. Prints. 5. Deranges. 6. Sile. 7. Ditto. 12. Mined. 13. Ambie. 14. Lensed. 17. Sages. 18. Norway. 20. Inane. 21. Humid. 23. Drip.

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BRITAIN LASHED BY WINTER'S WORST GALE

London, March 1.

Two ships sank and 13 others sent out distress signals today in gales and storms which piled up huge seas along the coasts of Britain and Western Europe and destroyed port installations and homes.

Many people were killed or injured in the worst storms of the winter. The Berlin airlift was halted.

The 1,955-ton Polish freighter, Katowice, sank off Terschelling, Holland, but the Dutch lifeboat Brandaris rescued all her crew of 20.

The Canadian steamer, for Karachi, grounded and broke up on the Soreles Rocks, Turin. The crew are reported to be safe.

The Dutch tug Noord Holland took off three men, injured by huge waves, from the 1,838-ton Swedish steamer, C.A. Banck, and the 4,000-ton Norwegian freighter Høyanger, both in distress off Jmuiden. Fourteen men were removed from the C.A. Banck—later reported safe—leaving six of the crew on board. The Høyanger continued under her own steam.

The men had been knocked down by tremendous waves crashing over the ships. The C.A. Banck was driven ashore at Bloemendaal.

The Harwich-Hook of Holland, which could not enter the harbour this morning because of the storm, has now docked.

Ships Drifting

The Danish steamer Karentoft (2,220 tons) signals that she is drifting towards the coast of Vlieland, in the Frisian Islands, and another Danish vessel, the Astra Omsu (not listed in Lloyd's) is reported anchored near the Oster Ems buoy, but drifting.

Another Dutch tug, the Scheide, went to assist the 1,750-ton Finnish steamer Tankar, adrift in the gale. The Tankar later entered Flushing Harbour under her own steam. She comes from Kokkola.

It is reported that the Karentoft, with badly damaged hatches, is being taken to Terschelling by a Dutch tug. Attempts will then be made to tow the vessel to Malmo.

Two Danish ships—the 97-ton motor vessel Mary Ann and the 1,058-ton steamer Emanuel—are aground in Danish waters. A salvage ship is rushing to the rescue of the Mary Ann in a heavy snowstorm.

The river Thames overflowed its banks at many points today as 70 miles per hour winds piled up the already heavy tides in the estuary.

The police warned people living in the crowded districts South of the river to be ready to quit their homes, and the water was so high that tugs could not pass under Westminster Bridge over the Parliament buildings.

Water percolated through cracks in the pavements of the Tower of London, and at Lambeth in Central London the river was over the roadway. Cars and trolley buses were stranded by flood waters on parts of the North bank in London.

The worst of the flood danger was thought to have passed as the afternoon tide fell, but further floodings are expected early tomorrow unless the wind dies down.

British coastal shipping sought shelter off the East Coast harbours as the gale piled up huge seas in the Channel and breached the Norfolk seawall, flooding a coastal road up to a depth of seven feet.

Families Trapped
In Halifax, Yorkshire, a woman was killed when the roof of her home fell in, and in the Midlands town of Birmingham, several people were injured by blown-down chimneys, ceilings and hearings.

A 10-foot chimney crashed through the roof of a Glasgow tenement, sweeping away three landings and the entire stairway of the building, trapping six families in their rooms.

Snow blizzards in Aberdeenshire halted motorists and the soaking of roofs.

Germany four were killed and six seriously injured when the brick wall of a building fell through the first storey roof of an antique shop on Friedrich Ebert Strasse, Frankfurt's main shopping street.

A woman was killed in the collapse of another Frankfurt building.

At least 10 damaged structures collapsed in other sections of Frankfurt, headquarters city of the American occupation forces. Among the injured are several school children.

Collapsing ruins killed 10 persons in Cologne, one in Essen and, one in Kassel.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Rank Studio Closes Down.

London, March 1.
Britain's film industry crisis reached a new stage today when the big Rank group announced that it intended to close down its Gainsborough Studios at Shepherd's Bush, London, employing 550 workers. The group, a £80 million film "empire" controlled by Mr. J. Arthur Rank, said it has decided to concentrate production in other studios.

The resulting demassals will add to the lengthening roll on the books of the film workers union, the National Association of Theatrical and Kine Employees, whose secretary, Mr. Tom O'Brien, recently said: "The industry is in a terrible mess."

Rank himself has said he believes the crisis can be solved within 12 months, and that Britain has won the battle for a substantial share of the world's screen from the American monopoly. The Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, has promised that the Cabinet will investigate the situation.—Reuter.

Briton's Appeal To Madrid

London, March 1.

Mr. Clement Davies, leader of the British Liberal Party, today telegraphed to the Spanish Minister for Justice, Senor R.F. Cuesta, appealing for clemency for Enrique Marco, Nadal, who is under sentence of death for alleged anti-state activities.

Seven others tried with Nadal by a court martial in February at Ocaña, South of Madrid, were given prison sentences—three of 30 years each.

All accused were charged with membership of a secret anarchist Labour Federation.

The group was said to have secretly crossed from France into Spain several times to set up provincial committees.

Nadal's sentence will be reviewed by the Spanish Cabinet.—Reuter.

MAO TSE-TUNG'S RIVAL TURNS UP IN NORTH CHINA

San Francisco, March 2.

A Moscow-trained Chinese, often rumoured to be the foremost rival of the Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, has arrived in Peiping from Manchuria.

He is Li San, who broke with Mao in 1928 and fled to Moscow. He was expelled from the Chinese Communist Party, but he reappeared when the Communists took over Manchuria after the war.

A Communist broadcast from North China on Tuesday said that Li is "Vice-President of the All-China Federation of Labour," whose office is being moved to Peiping from Mukden.

Li had been identified in previous dispatches as "chief of the Foreign Affairs Department" in Manchuria.

The broadcast, heard by the Associated Press at San Francisco, gave no hint of the significance of the move.

Whether it means that Li is actually moving down, ready to take control on orders from Moscow, or is merely being accepted again into the Chinese Communist movement by Mao, can not be told.

The actual reason for the break between Li and Mao has never been clear. The ostensible one was that Li disliked Mao's unorthodox Marxism.

Obedied Kremlin
Mao made the base of the Communist movement in China the peasant. Li wanted a movement on the Russian plan, based on the town and city working classes.

However, there have been numerous other reasons advanced for the break. One is that Li headed a faction which tried to seize control of the Party from Mao on orders from the Kremlin, which suspected Mao's purported independence.

There is no evidence that Mao has strayed further from the Communist line as laid down in Moscow. Recently he has given indications of solidarity with the Kremlin.

When Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia declared his independence of Russian domination, Mao sided with Moscow.—Associated Press.

TITANIUM COMBINE PENALISED

Washington, March 1.

Three of America's biggest commercial combine and three of their directors have been fined a total of \$43,000 for engaging in a worldwide cartel to eliminate competition in titanium pigments.

He said the National Lead Company, the Titan Company Incorporated, and the E.I. Du Pont Nemours Company had taken part in the cartel with a number of foreign co-conspirators.

The cartel divided the world markets into exclusive non-competitive areas, each assigned to a certain member of the conspiracy. Patents were pooled and restrictions were imposed upon small producers of titanium pigments, he added.

Titanium pigments are used to manufacture paints, rubber, glass, paper, vitreous enamels and other products.—Reuter.

ISRAEL AND UN

Lake Success, March 1

The Security Council will meet on Thursday to consider Israel's application for membership of the United Nations. Delegates here, including China's, who recognized the Jewish State today, believe Israel will obtain the seven votes needed to support her application.—Reuter

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A Round Of Visits
By Winston Churchill

At the end of June, 1940, the Chiefs of Staff, through General Ismay, had suggested to me at the Cabinet that I should visit the threatened sectors of the East and South coasts. Accordingly I devoted a day or two every week to this agreeable task, sleeping when necessary in my train, where I had every facility for carrying on my regular work and was in constant contact with Whitehall.

New Forces

All the afternoon I drove with General Brooke, who commanded this front. His record stood high. Not only had he fought the decisive tank battle near Arras during the autumn of 1940, but he had acquitted himself with singular firmness and dexterity in the circumstances of an unimagineable difficulty and confusion, when in command of the new forces we had sent to France during the first three weeks of June.

I also had a personal link with Alan Brooke through his two gallant brothers—the friends of my early military life. These came to my mind as I thought of the selection; but they formed a personal foundation upon which my unbroken wartime association with Alan Brooke was maintained and ripened.

We were four hours together in the motor-car on this July afternoon, 1940, and we seemed to be in agreement on the methods of Home Defence. After the necessary consultations with others, I approved the Secretary of State for War's proposal to place Brooke in command of the Home Forces in succession to General Ironside. Ironside accepted his retirement with the soldierly dignity which on all occasions characterised his actions.

During the invasion menace for a year and a half Brooke

fewer than 12 tanks (!) were able to participate.

9th. You can ascertain the hour from the Admiralty. I was so glad to hear that you were making all preparations for the unloading, reception and distribution of these rifles. At least 100,000 ought to reach the coast by very night, or in the small hours of the following morning.

Special trains should be used to distribute them and the ammunition, according to a plan worked out beforehand exactly, and directed from the landing-port by some high officer thoroughly acquainted with it. It would seem likely that you would employ the early distribution to the coastal districts, so that all the Home Guard in the danger areas should be the first served. Perhaps you would be good enough to let me know beforehand what you decide.

Horher's Nest

When the ships from America approached our shores with their priceless arms, special trains were waiting in all the ports to receive their cargoes. The Home Guard in every county, in every town, in every village, sat up all through the nights to receive them. Men and women worked night and day making them fit for use. By the end of July we were an armed nation, so far as parachute and airborne landings were concerned. We had become a "horner's nest."

Anyhow, if we had to go down fighting (which I did not anticipate), a lot of our men and some women had weapons in their hands.

The arrival of the first instalment of the 500,000, 300 rifles for the Home Guard (albeit with only about 50 cartridges apiece, of which we dared only issue 10, and no factories yet set in motion) enabled us to transfer 300,000 303 British-type rifles to the rapidly-expanding formations of the Regular Army.

At the "seventy-fives" (75 mm guns), with their 1,000 rounds apiece, some fanatical experts presently turned their noses up. There were no limbers and no immediate means of procuring more ammunition. Mixed calibre complicated operations. But I would have none of this, and during all 1940 and 1941 these 75 "seventy-fives" were a great addition to our military strength for Home Defence.

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Anxious Summer

Arrangements were devised and men were drilled to run them up on planks into lorries for movement. When you are fighting for existence any cannon is better than no cannon at all, and the French "seventy-fives," although out-dated by the British 25-pounder and the German field gun, were still a splendid weapon.

We had watched with attention the growth of the German heavy batteries along the Channel coast during August and September. By far the strongest concentration of this artillery was around Calais and Cape Gris-Nez, with the apparent purpose not only of

bidding the Straits to our warships but also of commanding the shortest route across them.

The orders which I had given in June for arming the Dover promontory with guns that could fire across the Channel had borne fruit, though not on the same scale. I took a personal interest in the whole of this business. I visited Dover several times in these anxious summer months. In the Citadel of the Castle large underground galleries and chambers had been cut in the chalk, and there was a wide balcony from which on clear days the shores of France, now in the hands of the enemy, could be seen.

A Child

Admiral Ramsay, who commanded, was a friend of mine. He was the son of a colonel of the 4th Hussars under whom I had served in my youth, and I had often seen him as a child on the Barrack Square at Aldershot. When three years before the war he had resigned his position as Chief of the Staff to the Home Fleet through a difference with its Commander-in-Chief, it was to me that he had come to seek advice. I had long talks with him, and together with the Dover Forts Commander visited our rapidly improving defences.

As the months of July and August passed without any disaster, we settled ourselves down with increasing assurance that we could make a long and hard fight. Our gains of strength were borne in upon us from day to day. The entire population laboured to the last limit of its strength, and felt rewarded when they fell asleep after their toll or vigil by a growing sense that we should have time and that we should win. All the beaches now bristled with defences of various kinds. The whole country was organised in defensive localities. The factories poured out their weapons. By the end of each month we had over 200 new tanks! The fruits of the American "Act of Faith" had been gathered.

Live Or Die

The whole trained professional British Army and its Territorial comrades drilled and exercised from morn till night, and longed to meet the foe. The Home Guard over-topped the million mark, and when rifles were lacking grasped lustily the shotgun, the sporting rifle, the private pistol, or, when there was no firearm, the pike and the club. No Fifth Column existed in Britain, though a few spies were carefully rounded up and examined. What few Communists there were lay low. Everyone else gave all they had to give.

When Ribbentrop visited Rome in September he said to Ciano: "The English territorial defence is non-existent. A single German division will suffice to bring about a complete collapse." This merely shows his ignorance. I have often wondered, however, what would have happened if 200,000 German storm troops had actually established themselves ashore.

The massacre would have been on both sides grim and great. There would have been neither mercy nor quarter. They would have used Terror, and we were prepared to go all lengths. I intended to use the slogan "You can always take one with you." I even calculated that the horrors for such a scene would in this last resort turn the scale in the United States.

But none of these emotions was put to the proof. Far out on the grey waters of the North Sea and the Channel coasted and patrolled the faithful, eager destroyers peering through the night. High in the air soared the fighter pilots or waited serene at a moment's notice around their excellent machines.



Good Morning!
A correspondent criticises the inadequate bus services in Kowloon. In his opinion, it could at least have been arranged for them to sweep past the stops in pairs.

The law someone is trying to introduce in America to ban public-opinion polls will probably be declared unconstitutional. On the other hand, it might be all right for Congress to enact an excess-prophets tax.

Our errant printers again. "Toe Colony's Welsh community." The heel of Achilles?

"And then they talked about the 'moral memory' of St. David. Looks as if our days are numbered."

"Hard boil as many eggs as you need. Bunce them lightly against the door to crack the shells."—Advice in a syndicated feature.

Right. Give us one of those eggs, honey, and stand clear.

An American has won a wager by hanging on to a rope tied by one hand for two hours. There was no particular reason for this; he just found himself at a loose end.

It seems definite that the U.S. will continue to reduce the strength of her armed forces in China. Not, no Marines for Mao to protect him from the Communists?

Conjugation of the verb "UNO."
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Ununo Ununo Ununo

An attractive girl and a plain, middle aged spinster were waiting for a taxi one evening. "Have a cigarette," said the girl. "What, smoke in public?" exclaimed the woman. "Why, I'd sooner kiss the first man who came down the street." "So would I," said the girl, "but have a cigarette while you're waiting."

Merely for Bob Hope to put in an appearance at the London Palladium, huge sums have been offered. Money for old hope?



"This Yankee power stuff for the navy may be the goods—but give me grog any day!"

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SUPPING WITH THE DEVIL

As was to be expected, Hong Kong traders and business men in other parts of the world are starting to deal with the Chinese Communists. It was reported yesterday that there are no restrictions on ships which wish to clear the colony for ports held by the Reds, and no ban on exports other than generally prohibited articles.

Also, in occupied territory, foreign capitalists are finding that their holdings have been spared from confiscation, and that they are being allowed to continue operations, with a certain number of restrictions which they believe are temporary.

In fact, the word is going round that the Chinese Communists are proving the exception to the rule. They do not seem to be dominated by Moscow. After taking over, they have not massacred and burned and purged. They see the importance of trading with countries overseas, and protect the foreigner's property. China is so different, so individualistic. It couldn't happen here, not when they saw what happened to Shanghai. And so on.

Well, perhaps it is all true, but it would be most unwise to take these indications at their face value. Certainly the Communists must have trade with other countries, and probably always will, but sooner or later this will be conducted solely by government monopolies, as in Russia, and so will internal industry and commerce. When that time comes, foreign business men need not expect to retain their holdings.

It is of course possible that a number of years may pass before the new rulers of China feel themselves capable of conducting their economy alone, and overseas interests may therefore be protected for some time to come. It is obvious, however, that this will be only a temporary reprieve, the local Communists having learned from the lessons of early Bolshevik mistakes. After 1917 in Russia the elimination of private enterprise was carried out with ruthless zeal. Production fell seriously, and it was decided to revive capitalism partially. Many people thought the old system had come back to stay, but as soon as its exponents had served their purpose a few years later, they were liquidated.

China may indeed be "different," but it is impossible for any student of Communism to believe that it ever deviates from its purpose for very long. It will modify and improvise and pretend not to exist, but it never loses sight of its goal. If China tried to put into practice a basically non-Marxist form of Communism, can anyone believe that Moscow would permit the regime to continue? Certainly we should trade with North China, but it is well to know the type of people with whom we have to deal.

CUBAN BREAK WITH RUSSIA?

Havana, March 1. Senator Antonio Martinez Ego yesterday petitioned the Cuban Senate to re-examine the government's relations with Russia. He also suggested that the Senate should be informed of the results of the investigation of the invasion of the Southern Command. Some sort of tactical exercise was presented to me in which no



We dined in the Royal Albion Hotel, which stands opposite the end of the pier. The hotel was entirely empty, a great deal of evacuation having taken place; but there were still a number of people sitting themselves on the beach or the parade. I was amused to see a platoon of the Grenadier Guards making a sand-bag machine-gun post in one of the kiosks of the pier, like those where in my childhood I had often undid the antics of the performing fleas. It was lovely weather. I had very good talks with the General and enjoyed my outing thoroughly. However: (Action this Day.)

organised and commanded the Home Armies, and thereafter when he had become C.I.G.S. we continued together for three and a half years until victory was won. I shall presently narrate the benefits which I derived from his command in Egypt and the Middle East in August, 1942, and also the heavy disappointment which I had to inflict upon him about the command of the cross-Channel invasion "Operation Overlord" in 1944.

Rifle Convoys

His long tenure as chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee during the greater part of the war and his work as C.I.G.S. enabled him to render services of the highest order, not only to the British Empire, but also to the Allied Cause. These volumes will record occasional differences between us, but also an overwhelming measure of agreement, and will witness to a friendship which I cherish.

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Prime Minister to Secretary of State for War, 7 JUL 40. I was disturbed to find the 3rd Division spread along 30 miles of coast, instead of being, as I had imagined, held back concentrated in reserve, ready to move against any serious head of invasion. But much more astonishing was the fact that the infantry of this division, which is otherwise fully mobile, are now provided with a bus, necessary to move them to the point of action. This provision of buses, waiting always ready and close at hand, is essential to all mobile units, and to none more than the 3rd Division while spread about the coast.

I heard the same complaint from Portsmouth that the troops there had not got their transport ready and close at hand. Considering the great masses of transport, both buses and lorries, which there are in this country, and the large numbers of drivers brought back from the B.E.F., it should be possible to remedy these deficiencies at once. I hope, at any rate, that the C.O.C. 3rd Division will be told today to take up, as he would like to do, the large number of buses which are even now plying for pleasure traffic up and down the sea front at Brighton.

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JEW-ARAB ARMISTICE MEETING

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ENGINEERING PAGE

New Process Of Drying Evolved

With the method of drying in the sun, as still frequently used, the heat is transferred for the greater part through radiation. In industry, however, one cannot be dependent on the sun's rays, the seasons, the time of day, cloudiness, so that artificial sources of heat, such as ovens, have to be applied.

During recent years a simple irradiator has been put on the market which has led to the development of a drying technique in which the transference of heat takes place almost exclusively through radiation.

It is well known that the radiation of heat is in essence wave movement in the ether just like radio-waves, light-rays and X-rays, which differ principally only in their wavelengths. In their order of wavelength, starting with the longest, we first have the radio-waves, then the heat-rays, both invisible to the eye, and finally the light rays.

The light rays of the longest wavelength are red and immediately above these visible rays, on the order of wavelength, are invisible red rays, called "infra-red" which belong to the heat waves. In modern science this group of infra-red rays is divided into longwave and shortwave rays. Because of a difference in their properties, it has been found that the infra-rays of "short" wavelength, those closest to the light waves, are for many drying processes much more favourable than those of the higher wavelength. If therefore it is desired to penetrate certain substances with heat rays, we have to use the infra-red rays of short wavelength because the longer heat waves become absorbed on the surface of the substance, there being no "depth effect".

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Speed Of New Fighter

The experimental Derryl-Meteor twin-jet fighter has climbed to a height of seven-and-a-half miles in seven-and-a-half minutes. In the first minute it climbed two miles, in a minute-and-a-half it was nearly three miles high, and in three minutes it had climbed five miles.

According to expert opinion this performance gives assurance that Britain has the resolve and the technical skill to reduce the advantage of the 600 m.p.h. bombers which are about to go into service with many air forces, including Britain's Royal Air Force.

Another British aeronautical event, achieved since the start of the year, is the successful first flight of the Armstrong Siddeley gas turbine "Phyton" engine. Flights were made with them fitted in a Lancaster bomber which is being used as a "flying test bed." The two engines, each of which develops nearly 4,000 shaft h.p., were fitted in the outer port and starboard nacelles, while two of the normal Rolls-Royce "Merlin" engines were retained in the inner nacelles. The first flight was of 40 minutes' duration, during which the engines behaved perfectly.

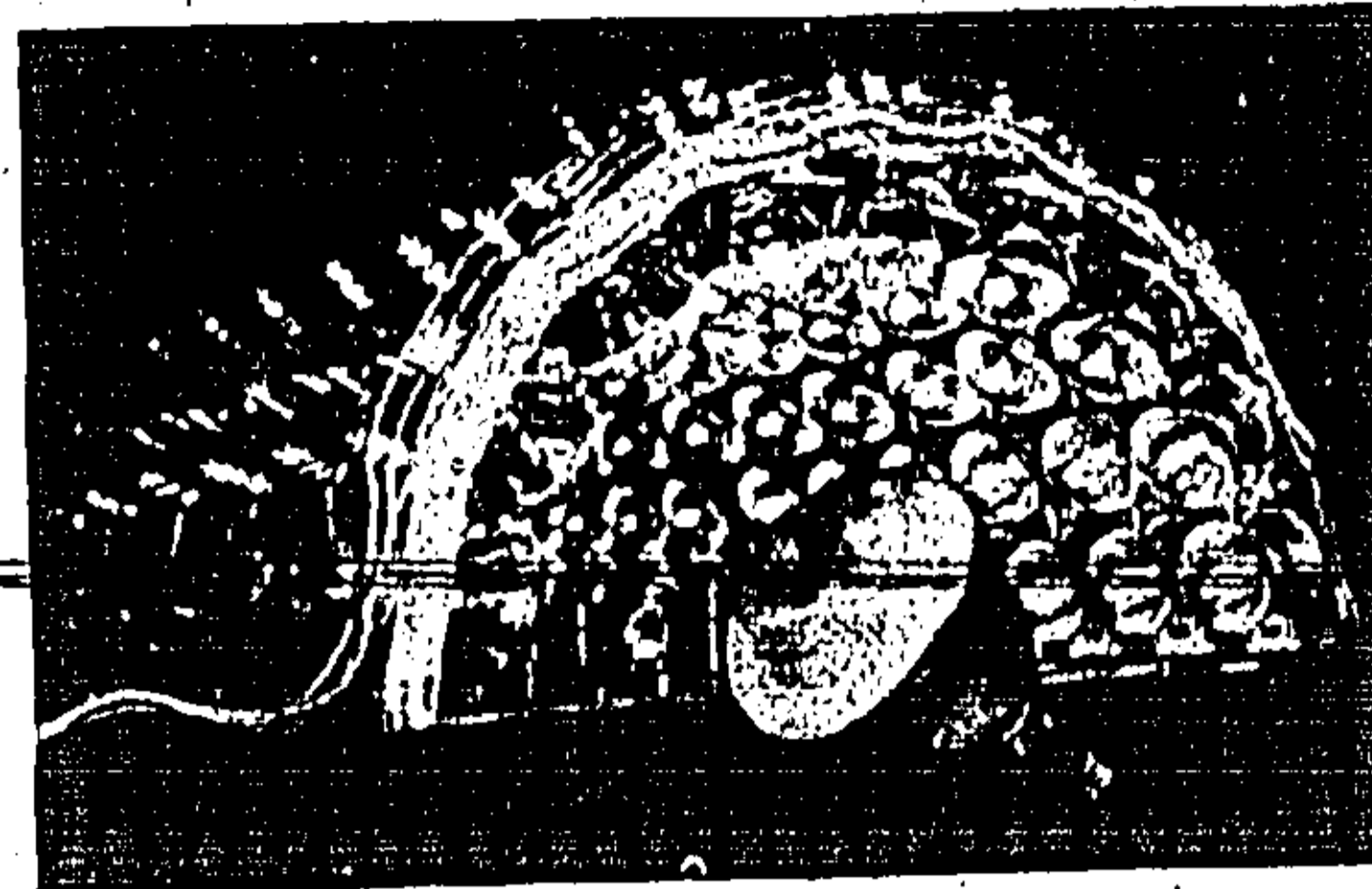


Illustration of a tunnel with Philips Infra-Red Drying Lamps.

Radio Equipment Exports Growing

Exports of United Kingdom radio communication equipment, navigational aids and industrial electronic apparatus were doubled in 1948, the estimated figure exceeding £3 million as compared with £1.5 million in 1947. In addition the indirect exports amounted to a further £2 million.

The original direct export target for 1948 was £2.55 million, but later being increased to £3.06 and to £3.3 for 1949. In giving these figures at the annual meeting of Britain's Radio Communication and Electronic Engineering Association, the chairman, Mr. L. T. Hinton, said: "If present conditions continue, there is little doubt that we shall reach our 1949 target."

Referring to navigational aids, Mr. Hinton stated: "By the end

of the year the number of ships equipped with British commercial radar as distinct from adapted war-time equipment was about 300 and in 1949 we ought to be able to equip more than a ship a day. The British 3-centimetre slip radar sets, conforming to the Ministry of Transport's very exacting specification, are now coming into production in increasing quantity. This equipment and our harbour and ferry radar installations—the first in the world—which came into operational use during the year and have already proved their value in fog, will demonstrate, we believe, that Britain still holds the lead in radar."

The annual report of the Association, which is one of the constituent bodies of the Radio Industry Council, states that the year has been notable for the extent to which the Association has co-operated with Government departments, subjects dealt with including research and long-term development, standardisation of components, safety of life at sea, training of radar operators, specifications for "business radio", the promotion of television transmission equipment, and export, increased use of British aviation radio equipment, and for air control and air radio development generally.

The National Radio Exhibition ("Radiolympia"), to be held at Olympia, London, from September 28 to October 8, will be the exhibition at which the products of the Association will be most fully represented and should be of particular interest to engineers and official representatives from many overseas countries, who are invited to communicate with the Association at 59 Russell Square, London, W.C.1., for further particulars.

Meanwhile, much that is new in United Kingdom radar equipment will be demonstrated at the British Industries Fair (Earls Court and Olympia, London, and Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, May 2 to May 13.)

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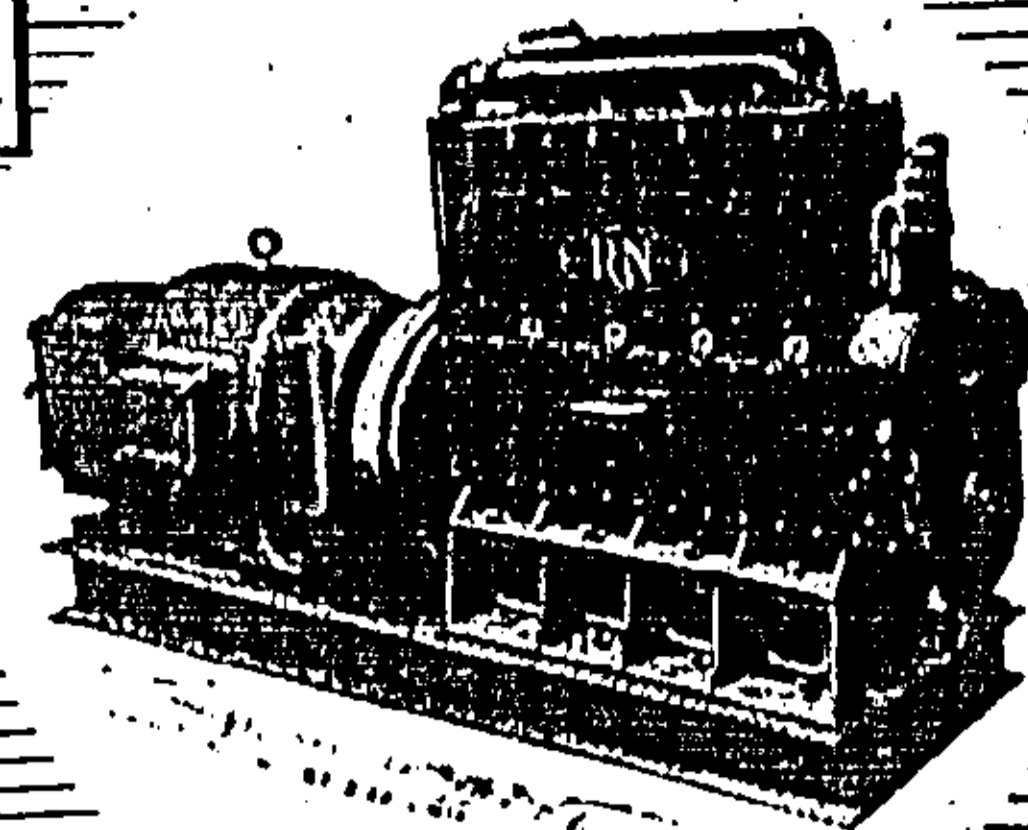
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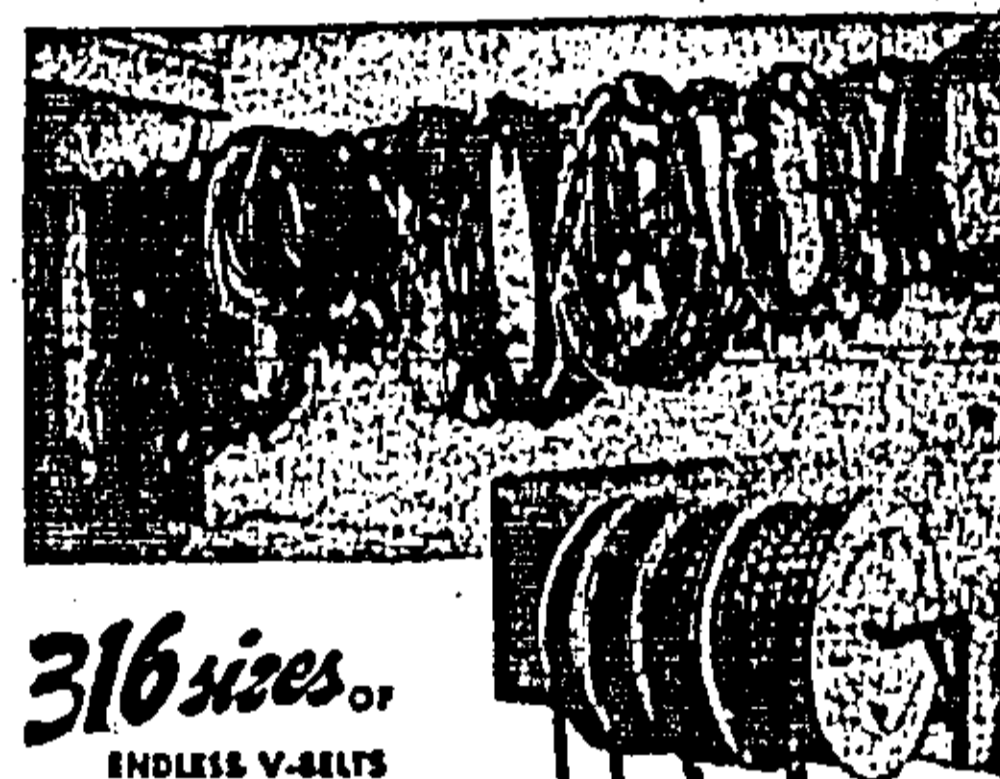
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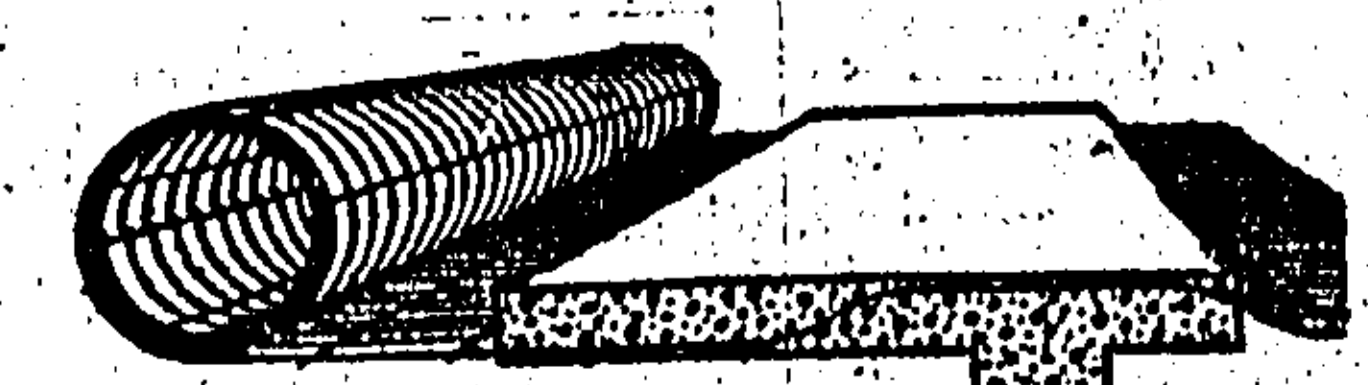
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LAPHAM ON FUTURE OF HELP TO CHINA

Washington, March 2.

Roger Lapham, Economic Co-operation Administration chief for China, told a press conference yesterday that things in China have gone from bad to worse from the Nationalist standpoint.

"The Reds can move Southward across the Yangtse whenever they want to, without experiencing much military opposition. Most Chinese are tired of war and want peace."

Mr. Lapham declined to speculate on the future of the Kuomintang and the National Government.

He emphasized, however, that the ECA should have a feeling for the present program of consumption goods assistance as long as we can operate in non-Communist areas.

Mr. Lapham also said Chiang Kai-shek continues to take a very active interest in what is going on. He declined, however, to comment on whether the Government might re-enter the Government.

Mr. Lapham considers the future of affairs in China utterly fluid.

"I feel I have been guessing ever since I went to China," he asserted, "and the prospects are that we shall have to continue that way."

Commenting on reports that Senator Patrick McCarran had said he recommended a Congressional Committee a US\$240,000,000 yearly ECA programme for China henceforth, Mr. Lapham said:

"That figure came up during the hearing, but no recommendation has yet been made." He added that he hoped such a recommendation would be made very soon. He indicated that the present ECA programme in China is likely to cost about US\$20,000,000 monthly.

Concerning future operations in China, Mr. Lapham said: "I should like to see Congress authorize the President and the

ECA to have available a reasonable sum of money for use, however conditions in China permit."

In amplification, he added: "I mean that if the Reds take over completely, we probably will

close operations entirely."

He did not say what sum of money he feels will be desirable.

Summing up ECA operations in China since their beginning last April, Mr. Lapham and ECA

aided said expenditures and obligated funds to date total about US\$195,000,000.

The principal sum remaining is the balance of unexpended funds from the projected US\$70,000,000 rehabilitation programme, of which only a few millions have been spent, Mr. Lapham said.

Cotton For Shanghai

He said the ECA had accepted his recommendation that the agency grant US\$500,000 for assisting stranded Chinese students in the U.S. ECA aides said this

programme is under way and that students should begin receiving money soon.

There are about 3,500 Chinese students in the U.S., most of whom are said to be financially embarrassed as a result of the collapse of the Chinese currency.

Mr. Lapham said that raw cotton and oil continue to be supplied to Shanghai. He estimated the present cotton stocks there at about 100,000 bales, with further shipments proceeding as required by Shanghai mills.

Mr. Lapham will probably return to China in about 10 days.

—Associated Press.

JAPANESE LEAD MALAYA BANDITS

Kuala Lumpur, March 1.

British troops, in a combined air and land operation, have arrested more than 100 suspected bandits said to be led by Japanese in Pahang State, 35 miles East of Kuala Lumpur.

Two companies of the 1st Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment, combining in the biggest-ever air attack on bandits eight miles South of Triang, made the arrests in a ground attack yesterday.

One British corporal, who had joined his company only the previous day and was on his first operation, was killed. Another corporal was wounded in the arm.

Nine bandits were killed in the air attack.

The arrests, including those of two known bandits and more than 100 bandit supporters, were made in the villages of Mengkuang and Kemayan, on the railway from Gemas to Mentakab.

Royal Air Force planes swooped with bombs, rockets, cannons and machine guns on the suspected camp, reported by an informer, to be well equipped and in complete control of a big area.

The informer said five Japanese officers were in charge of the camp, which contained more than 110 armed Chinese, Malay and Indian bandits.

The informer claimed that the bandits had Japanese anti-aircraft guns, which had fired on a British plane, and three Japanese field guns hidden in the jungle with many rifles, Sten and Bren guns, grenades and large stocks of ammunition.—Reuter.

Plot To Blow Up Shipping

Savona, March 1.

Five Jews, including a girl, are being held by the Savona police in connection with an alleged plot to blow up shipping at Vereze, near here.

Three of them were detained last week when a car, carrying bombs, was stopped in Vereze, where several torpedo boats are being built for Arab States.

Their names, announced by the police today, are Joseph Bror, who is of Israeli nationality, and Giuliana Beseva and Francesco Zamoni, both of Milan.

Later, the police detained two more Italian Jews, Boris Lavida and Benedetto Natanson. The police believe that the five belong to a terrorist gang, which may also have intended an attack on the big ship Star of Egypt, which put into Savona two weeks ago.—Reuter.

Prosecution Of PI Reds

Manila, March 2.

The House Committee on Un-Filipino Activities has recommended the prosecution for illegal association of persons whose membership in the Philippine Communist Party can be legally established.

The recommendation is contained in a report submitted to the Speaker of the House by the Committee

which recently conducted hearings on activities of Communists in the Philippines.

The report has not yet been submitted for consideration by the House, but this is expected shortly.

Most CUFA members are convinced that the Communists here are planning to overthrow the government and are collaborating with foreign association.—United Press.

ILLEGAL TRAFFIC IN DRUGS

Washington, March 1.

The illegal traffic in the drug marijuana (Indian hemp) has increased, particularly among young Americans and jazz musicians, the United Commissioner of Narcotics reported today.

He said that in North Carolina an entire orchestra, and in Chicago and New York some rather prominent jazz musicians, have been arrested.

American Secret Service agents, sent abroad in an attempt to smash the sources of the drug, broke up a clandestine drug laboratory in Istanbul, Turkey, and arrested 30 people.

More arrests were made at Marseilles, France, of people involved in smuggling dope into the United States.

Another Secret Service agent is investigating smuggling operations in Italy.

The American agents, who work with the local police, are now helping to draft drug control legislation for Iran and Turkey.—Reuter.

American Caribbean Manoeuvres

New York, March 1.

More than 100 ships of the United States Fleet are beginning a two-day assault on Vieques Island, in the Caribbean Sea, today, the military correspondent of the New York Times, Hanson Baldwin, reports from one of the ships off Puerto Rico.

Most of the manoeuvres will be devoted to a spectacular bombardment of the coast with shells and rockets, while planes from aircraft carriers will drop bombs and rockets on the island.

Tomorrow, 5,000 Marines and 4,000 soldiers will swarm ashore in a mock invasion.

Another dummy atom bomb will be dropped over the fleet off Vieques Island. It will possibly be timed to explode under water to judge the effectiveness of the Navy's experimental measures against atom bombs.

The first dummy atom bomb was dropped over the fleet on Sunday. It "sank" a destroyer and "damaged" the aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt (45,000 tons).—Reuter.

CONSTITUTION FOR GERMANY

Frankfurt, March 1.

The three Western military governors today talked for six hours on the draft constitution for Western Germany and afterwards General Lucius D. Clay said they had reached wide agreement.

General Clay, General Sir Brian Robertson (Britain), and General Pierre Koehn (France) fixed another meeting for tomorrow. At that meeting they expect to finish a memorandum to the Constitutional Assembly outlining what they had found wrong with the Assembly's proposed constitution.—United Press.



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CANTON CHAMBER'S APPEAL

Canton, March 2.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has held a meeting to discuss the Government's fiscal reform measures. The meeting was attended by 100 businessmen.

They agreed that the Government's ruling that Customs Yuan can only be bought with silver dollars, gold or foreign currency constitutes a burden to businessmen.

The Chamber decided to appeal to the authorities to modify the proposed new regulations so as to allow the Customs Yuan to be purchasable also with Gold Yuan notes of present circulation.

According to the new financial and economic measures recently outlined by the Finance Minister Mr. Hsu Kan, all Customs duties will have to be paid in the proposed Customs Yuan only.

The meeting also decided to request the Government to allow money changers and commercial banks, instead of just the Central Bank alone, to handle foreign currencies tendered in exchange for Chinese currency.

It was pointed out that this would facilitate overseas Chinese returning to Kwangtung with foreign currencies in their possession.

Meanwhile, an official of the Finance Ministry is reported by the Chinese press as denying there being any truth in a report that an exchange rate will be fixed between the Gold Yuan now in circulation and the silver dollars now being minted, and which the Government proposes shortly to circulate alongside the Gold Yuan.—Reuter.

ANNALS OF THE CHINESE

GRAVELLY ILL

New York, March 1.

Anna Louise Strong, American woman journalist expelled from Russia as a spy 15 days ago, is seriously ill, suffering from exhaustion, her Counsel said today.

He will ask for her to be excused from appearing today before the United States Federal Grand Jury investigating subversive activities.—Reuter.

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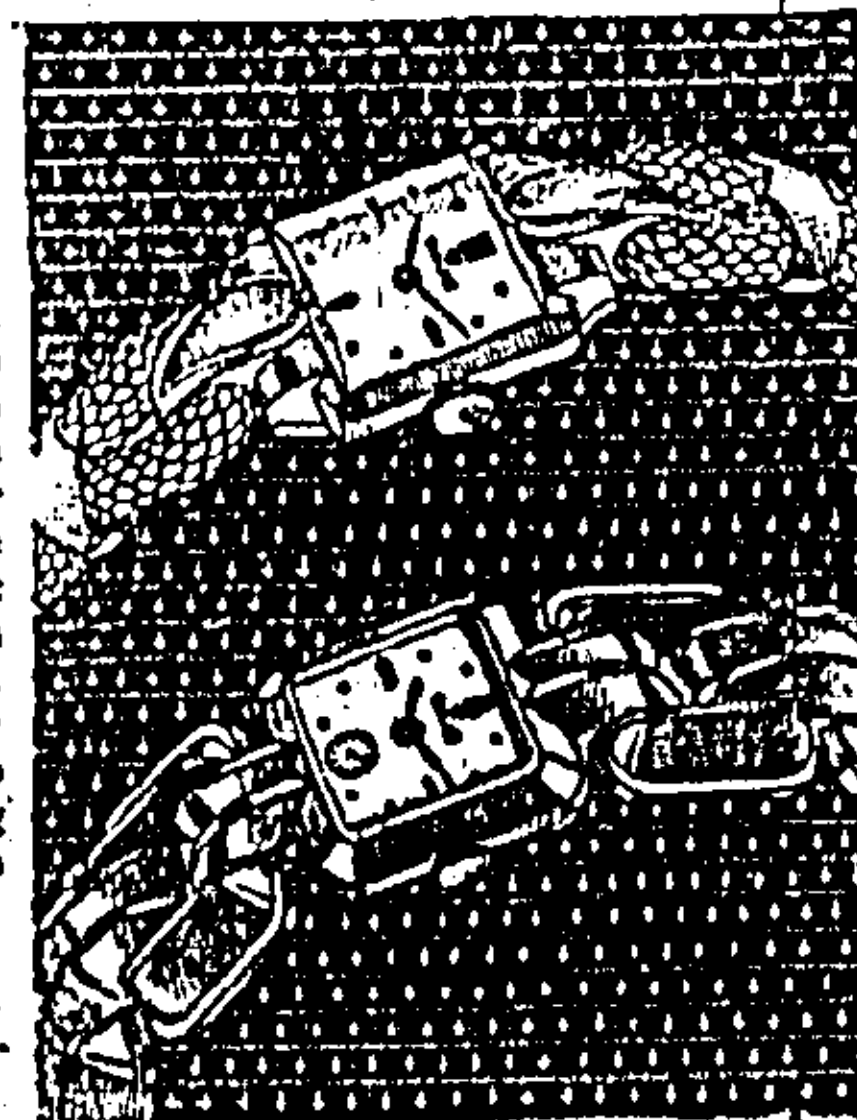
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HK Witeases At Tokyo Rose Trial

San Francisco, March 2.

Several Hong Kong residents are witnesses in the trial of Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino ("Tokyo Rose") so the case should be heard in the British Colony.

This contention was put forward today by Mrs. d'Aquino's counsel in the Federal Court here.

Mrs. d'Aquino is alleged to have made wartime propaganda broadcasts from Radio Tokyo. Popularly known as "Tokyo Rose," she is being tried on treason charges.

Witnesses from Hong Kong are said to include Thaddeus d'Aquino, a Portuguese, and John Holland, a Briton.

Other witnesses include British, French, Danish, Portuguese,

Japanese, Dutch and American nationals. Mrs. d'Aquino's counsel said that in addition to Hong Kong the trial should be held in Tokyo and Sydney.

Council also asked the Court to subpoena General MacArthur.

44 Witnesses

General MacArthur's name was included together with that of his chief of intelligence, Major-General Charles Willoughby, and 42 other military and civilian witnesses whom the defence counsel wants to testify for Mrs. d'Aquino, charged with "entertaining" American troops in the Pacific with wartime broadcasts.

The motions will be argued on March 7 before the Federal District Judge, Michael Roche. The Army has already revealed that one of the chief prosecution witnesses will be Major Wallace Ince, American officer who helped prepare scripts for Mrs. d'Aquino when she was one of six women broadcasting under the "Tokyo Rose" label from Japan.

No date has been set. The trial has been held up by pending arguments on motions—United Press.

CO-RESPONDENT WAS DE GAULLE

London, March 1. Roger de Gaulle described in court as the nephew of General Charles de Gaulle, was cited today as co-respondent in a divorce suit.

Henry Joseph Roper of London received a divorce from Mrs. Madeline Roper on the charge that Mrs. Roper had committed adultery with de Gaulle.

Mrs. Roper denied the charge. De Gaulle, who filed no answer—Associated Press.

Canton Unhappy At Wuchow Re-Opening

Canton, March 2.

While Hong Kong shipping circles have given, as a whole, a favourable reception to the Government's announcement that Wuchow, port on the Kwangtung-Kwangai border, will be opened to foreign shipping and trade, a majority of shipping firms here are not too happy over the decision.

They fear Hong Kong shipping competition may have adverse effects on local shippers servicing the Canton-Wuchow route. At present the river service is serviced by tow-boats, carrying both cargo and passengers.

If Hong Kong shippers enter the West River trade, these tow-boats will have to compete with medium-sized motor or steam ships, offering safety for both passengers and cargo.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC PACT BLOW AT REDS

Washington, March 1.

The North Atlantic Pact is expected to provide for assistance to the Western European nations to resist aggression from within—such as Communist subversive activities.

This provision will be additional to the key terms of the Alliance—resistance to any aggression on member States.

Communist activities will be included in both the terms of the treaty and in determining the distribution of military supplies, legislation for which is now being drafted in the State Department.

The North Atlantic Pact will thus follow the precedent set by the Rio Treaty for mutual defence in the Western Hemisphere. The Rio Treaty provides that the origin of consultation set up by the treaty shall consider appropriate collective measures whenever a peace-threatening situation arises other than by a direct attack.

An article dealing with this was included in the present draft of the North Atlantic treaty. The officials now drafting the legislation necessary to authorise the military aid programme appear convinced that the United States will not only have to provide supplies needed to resist an armed attack but also to assist in resisting the Communist infiltration denounced by President Truman when he inaugurated the programme of economic and military aid to Greece and Turkey.

Final Draft

Earlier today the representatives of seven nations—the United States, Canada and the five Brussels Pact powers, Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—met at the State Department to work out the final draft of the security pact.

Attending the drafting session were Mr. Dean Acheson, the US Secretary of State, and the Ambassadors of the countries concerned.

The treaty, if approved and signed, will commit each of the member countries, including the United States, to regard an attack on any of the members as an attack on itself and take action to resist the aggressor.—Reuter.

Siam Rounds Up Plot Suspects

Bangkok, March 1.

The police today continued to hunt suspects in the plot to overthrow the Government by force. The official list of arrested persons includes two Chinese, but the majority are Siamese civilians.

New arrests include the Lord Mayor of Bangkok and two former Ministers of the Thamrong Government.

Officials said the plotters had expected an easy victory such as was won in previous coups, but had underestimated Government readiness. The Navy is not implicated.

The dead include the old police chief, Colonel Banchoh Cheepensak, who was deposed in the November 1947 coup, and Major Phon Indaratna, member of the Free Thai movement.

A reliable source said that due to the naval casualties suffered through military action in other incidents, the Navy, which depends itself jointly responsible for national peace, made a number of suggestions to the Government.

Back To Normal

The Navy Commander, Rear-Admiral Luang Singh, sent a representative to confer with the Government, presumably to elaborate the Navy viewpoint.

The Cabinet is now using the Army's anti-aircraft division headquarters as a meeting place. The Premier, Phibun Songram, announced today that the situation in Siam is back to normal.

Over the week-end, army and navy personnel, fired on each other in clashes which caused 100 casualties—United Press and Associated Press.

MALAYA DEPORTS UNDESIRABLES

Singapore, March 1.

Seventeen British subjects were among 142 "undesirable" persons banished today by the Malayan Government.

The British subjects had been convicted by the Courts since the beginning of the year.—Associated Press.

VICIOUS CIRCLE IN JAPAN

Washington, March 2.

American planners for Japan are looking for the private trader of the world to break the vicious circle around Japan's deficiency economy.

The circle is the nation's present inability to import and fabricate sufficient exports to overcome its vital food and other shortages.

In the minds of authorities here the belief is growing that inter-governmental trading may play an important part in Japan's recovery, but that the final move that will take the nation to a self-supporting level will be given by the private businessman.

There are many steps involved in accomplishing this simply stated role of the businessman, say the Washington planners.

It ranges all the way from getting the yen on a single exchange basis, making sure Japan has plenty of raw materials to fabricate, to allowing Japanese businessmen to go abroad to sell goods.

The planners also realise that the war-born enmity of other Oriental peoples toward the Japanese is an additional obstacle Japan will have to overcome in at least a fair degree in her re-industrialisation programme.—Associated Press.

Harriman At Foreign Office

London, March 1.

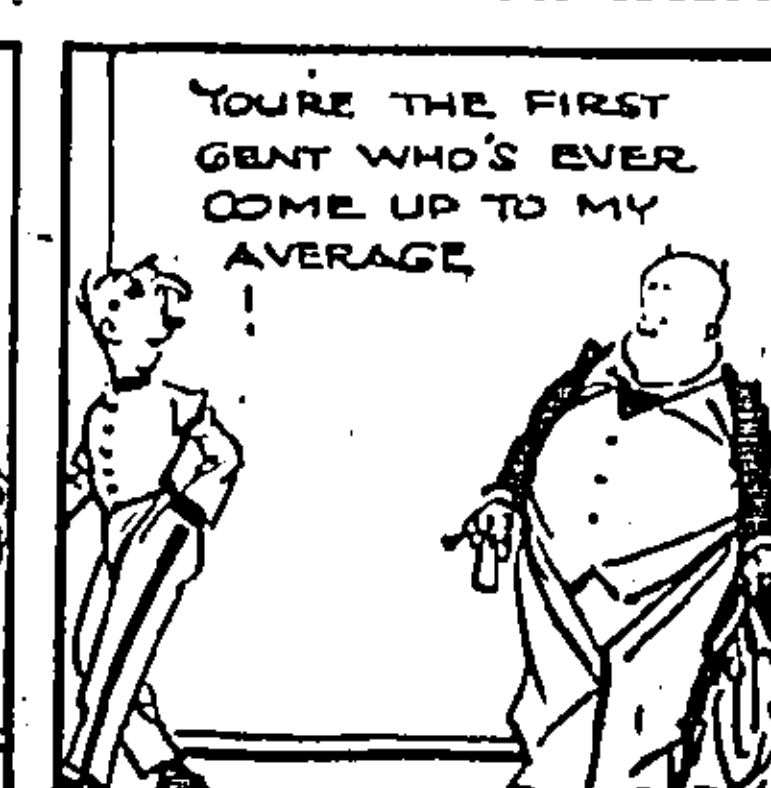
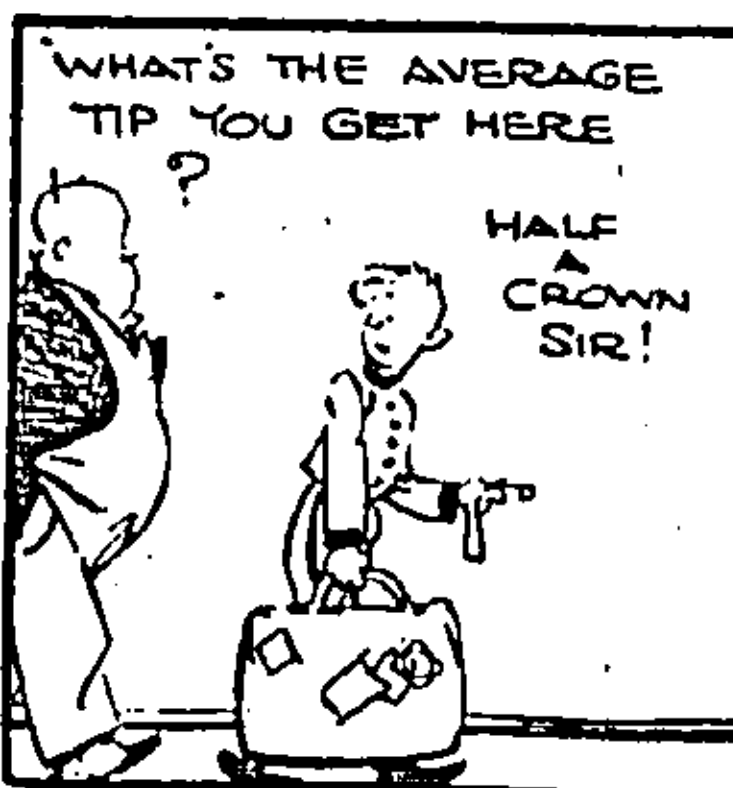
Mr. Averell Harriman, Marshall Aid Ambassador-at-Large, who arrived here by air from Paris today, called on Mr. Ernest Bevin at the Foreign Office this morning, accompanied by the American Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Douglas.

The purpose of the visit was to discuss the United States plan to exempt 107 German factories from dismantling.

Britain has refused to negotiate on this plan unless agreement is reached on a revised list of West German prohibited industries.

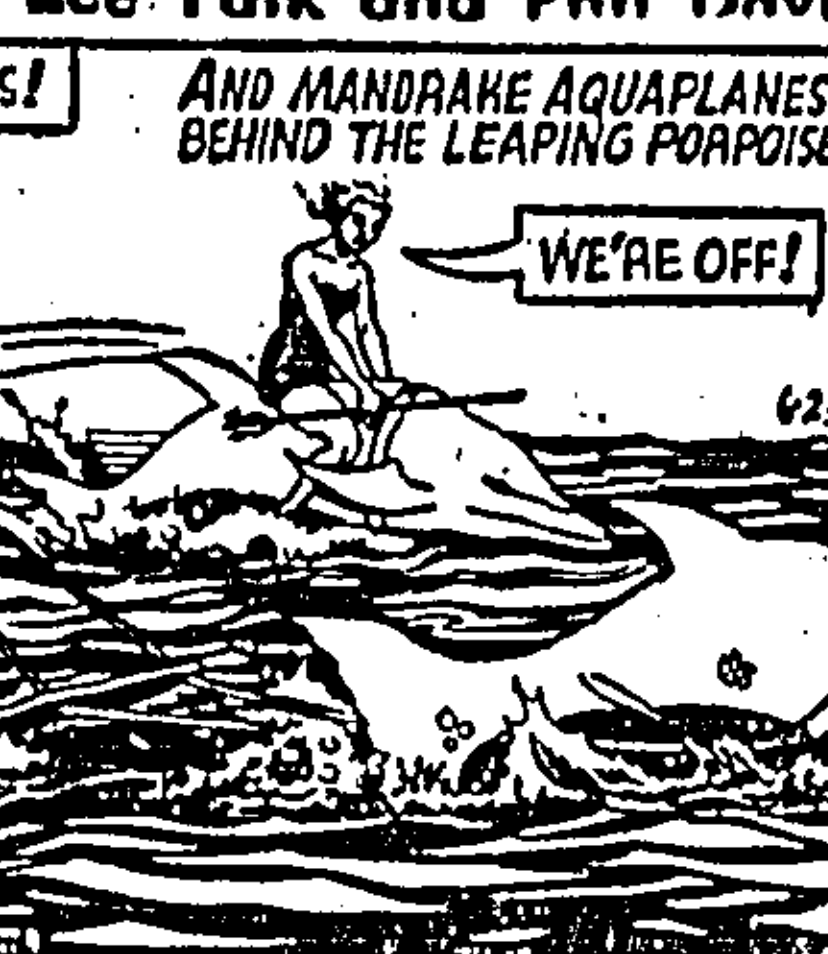
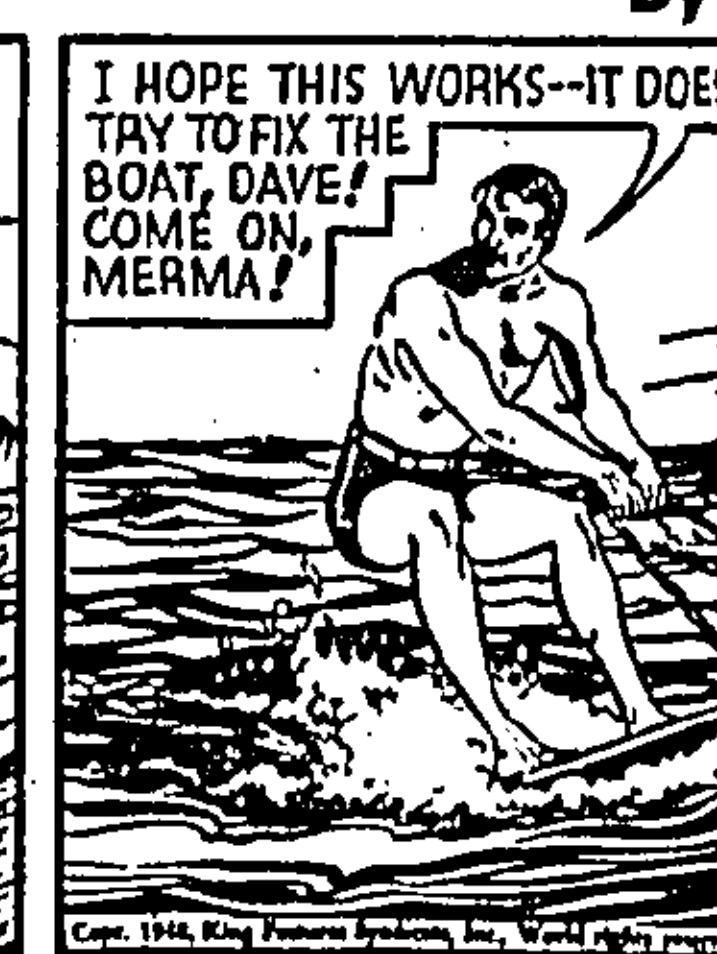
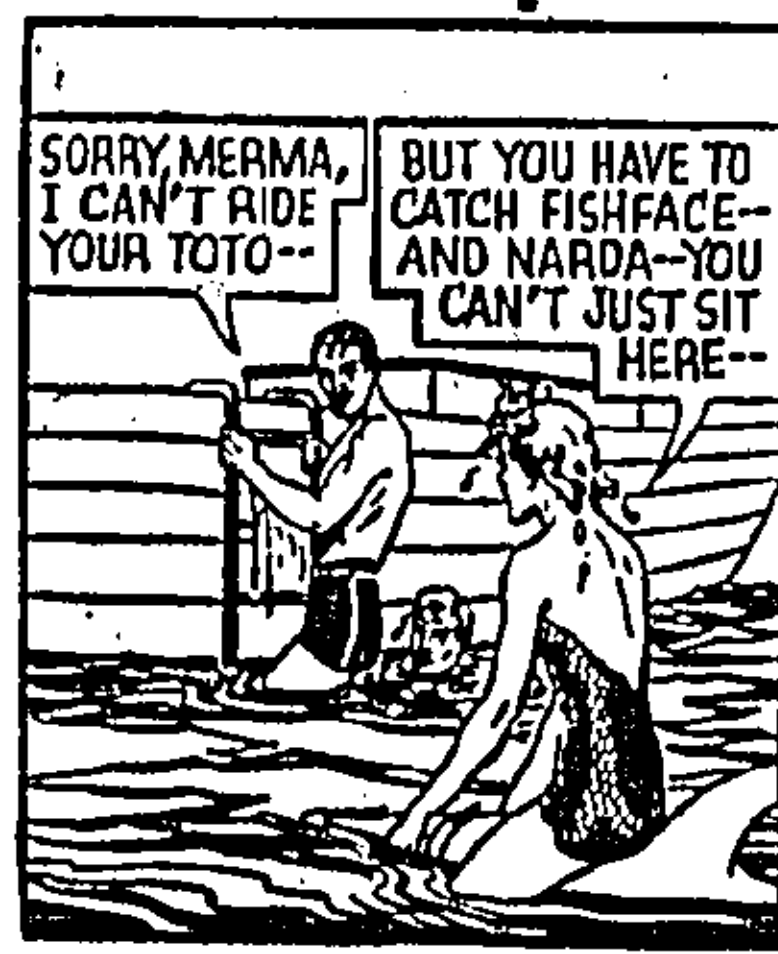
Mr. Harriman also discussed during his visit Congress criticism arising from the recent statement by Mr. Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, on Britain's economic recovery.—Reuter.

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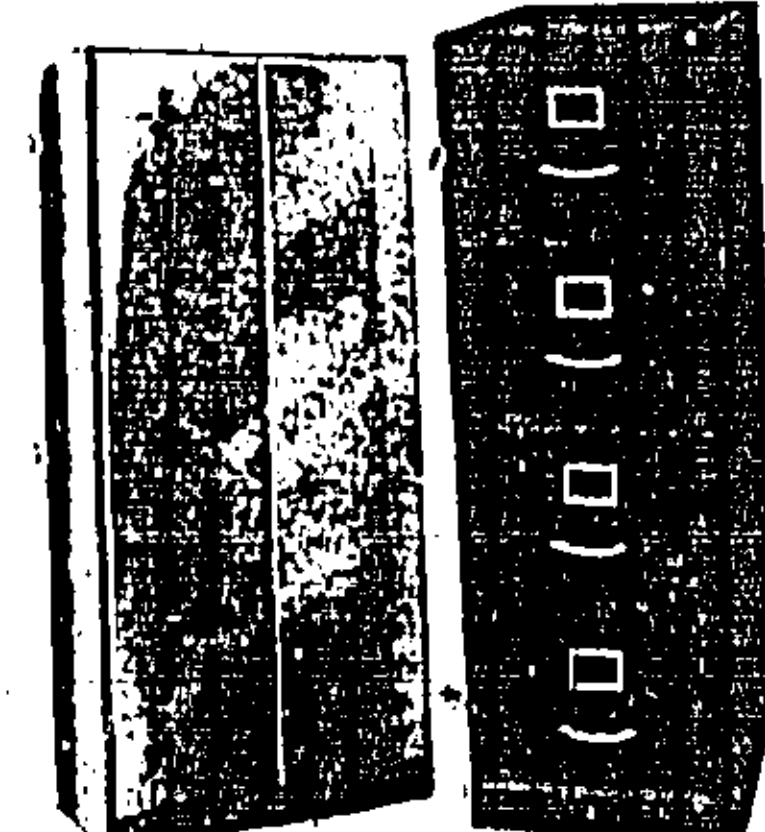
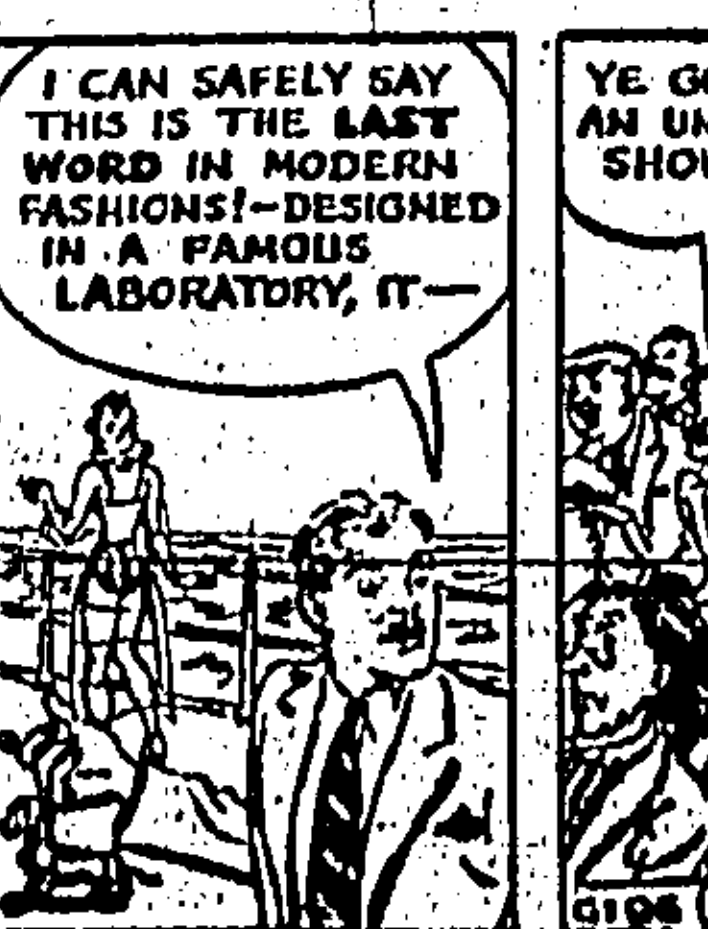
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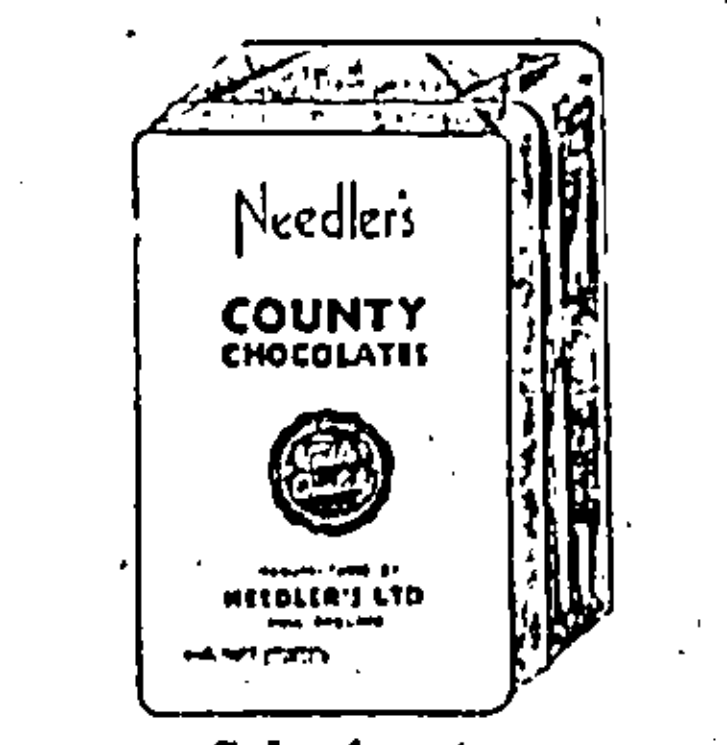
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"ELPENOR"	U.K. via Straits	8th Mar.
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MAYHEW STATEMENT RAISED IN HOUSE

London, March 1.

Kashmir Key Post Forecast

Lake Success, March 1.
Mr. Walter Bedell Smith, U.S. Ambassador to Moscow, is likely to be appointed United Nations Plebiscite Administrator for Kashmir.

Mr. Bedell Smith recently submitted his resignation to President Truman, but it has not yet been officially accepted.

His appointment as an Administrator in Kashmir would, in effect, be in a private capacity and not a member of the United States Government's service.

A final decision on the appointment is expected to be announced within the next few days.

Consultations have been going on between the United Nations Kashmir Commission and the governments of India and Pakistan.

It is confidently expected here that Mr. Bedell Smith will head the list of names now being considered for this key post.

Now 54 years old, General Bedell Smith made the Army his career. His last important military post was as Chief of Staff to General Dwight Eisenhower, Allied Supreme Commander during the last war. Reuter.

The Mayhew statement had another sequel today—in the House of Commons.

The statement by Mr. Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs—that Britain is now in sight of complete economic independence—was vigorously attacked by the Opposition.

Mr. Mayhew's statement (made in the United States last week) was described by Tory speakers as having had a bewildering and deplorable effect. Mr. Oliver Stanley, a former Colonial Secretary, said that it had not been for the prompt repudiation of Mr. Mayhew's statement by Sir Stafford Cripps, the Minister of Economic Affairs, that the whole of our recovery programme might be in danger.

Amid cheers and counter-cheers, he asked what the Prime Minister is going to do to see that the future of the British people is not jeopardised by irresponsible statements by Ministers who have nothing to do with this matter at all.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, replied that the matter had now been dealt with. Sir Stafford Cripps' statement, that British recovery is nothing like complete, was made after full consultation with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and himself, and represents the views of the British Government.

Not-Wise

"I should deprecate further questions in the national interest," he added. "Every now and again statements are made

which, taken quite apart from their context, may cause difficulties. Over a period of years, I have known them made by Ministers on all sides of the House.

"I suggest it would not be wise to pursue the matter," Mr. George Strauss, Conservative Minister, said.

Mr. Mayhew had seen the statement of Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, that Mr. Mayhew had blurted out the truth at the wrong moment.

"Do you share that view and the implication that the truth should not be told by Ministers in the United States?" Mr. Strauss asked. The Prime Minister replied that he had nothing to add to his full statement.

Mr. Adam McKinty, Labour, said that if the report of what Mr. Mayhew said is as accurate as the report of what Mr. McKinty said, then it is a travesty, utilised to do the Government as much harm as possible.

No Risks

As Mr. Attlee made no comment on this, Mr. Stanley asked if it is suggested that Mr. McKinty did not make the statement attributed to him in the press.

The Prime Minister replied: "It depends very much on the context and the accuracy of the reporting. As I understand it, whatever was said by the Minister was supposed to have been at a private meeting, and I regret it has been reported."

Mr. Stanley asked the Prime Minister for an assurance that Ministers will feel that it is never any good taking risks with the truth. Mr. Attlee retorted that there is no question of that.

"No Minister will take risks with the truth," he added.

He added that there was no opportunity for the Ambassador to be consulted about Mr. Mayhew's statement before it was made, because the matter arose during a debate. Reuter.

MECHANIC FINED \$500

A 23-year-old mechanic of the CNAC at Kai Tak Aerodrome was fined \$500 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo for driving carelessly and without a licence at Central yesterday.

On Sunday Kwok Po drove car No. 7750 along Gloucester Road near the Eastern Police Station and hit a parked vehicle, slightly damaging it.

When Kwok was brought to the station, he admitted that he had no driver's licence. Sub-Inspector Goodman was in charge of the case.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, March 2.
Ship arrival: Mission Dolores from Yokohama.
Departure: Eleazar Lord for Yokohama.
Seattle ship arrival: Colorado from Fusan. — Associated Press.

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Wife Stabbed By Husband

Manila, March 2.
Mrs. Rosa Bevilla Alvero, 69, prominent educator and social worker, was stabbed in the abdomen yesterday by her husband, Emilio Alvero, 65, and is hovering between life and death.

Alvero, a building contractor, surrendered to the police in Quezon City, where the Alveros live. He admitted the stabbing, but refused to give a reason.

The Alveros had been estranged for many years, but recently were apparently reconciled. Mrs. Alvero is founder of a college for girls, was taken to the University of Santo Tomas Hospital, where she underwent an emergency operation. — United Press.

Syrian Bid For Foreign Investment

Damascus, March 1.

In compliance with the Syrian Premier's earlier statements that Syria has deserted her policy of isolation in the political field, the National Economy Minister, Jean Sehnaoui, prominent financier, declared at a special press conference today that Syria welcomes the investment of foreign capital for the exploitation of Syrian resources provided that this does not conflict with the country's sovereignty and independence.

Jean Bey disclosed details of the new Syrian five-year plan comprising the building of lagoon harbours, huge electric projects on the Euphrates and Orontes rivers and dams on them, and big drainage projects especially in the Alghab districts for the exploitation of 3,000,000 acres for agriculture.

The Minister had these projects in mind when he said that Syria welcomes foreign capital and he was clear in saying that their realisation does not enter into the country's usual budget. — Associated Press.

LONDON BRIBE SCANDAL ECHO

London, March 1.

A five-man Committee on "contact men," set up by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, after disclosures at the recent Lynskey Tribunal inquiry into alleged corruption in Government circles, met today for the first time.

The first session considered the general approach to the question of these contact men, the unofficial "liaison officers" between businessmen and Government departments, whose activities the Committee has to investigate, and determine whether they are liable to give rise to abuses.

Mr. Sidney Stanley, key witness at the Lynskey inquiry, around whom the Attorney General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, said the whole tangled web seems to have been spun, may be called to give evidence before the Committee.

A formal notice of Mr. Stanley's bankruptcy proceedings appeared in the official London Gazette tonight, announcing his intention to pay a dividend. — Reuter.

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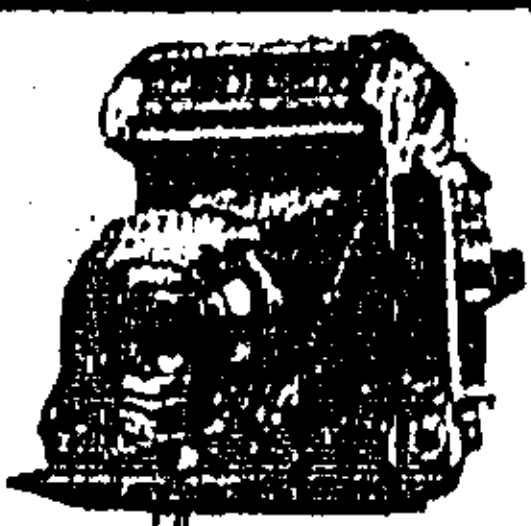
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Charlton Play Cup Holders In Best Match Of Week

(By 'ALCYDES')

CRC's Pair Wins Net Encounter

A gruelling three-set game between the RAF pair J. S. Beirne and A. J. Doyle and CHC's Au Kam-moon and Lee Chun-ki featured yesterday's Colony Championship Open Doubles games, at the Cricket Club.

Two contrasting types of play were witnessed, with sheer steadiness of the Chinese pair carrying the day.

Beirne and Doyle were the more aggressive and dominated play at various stages with deadly over-volleyed smashes, passing volleys and service-volleys. Their fluid brilliance, however, was overshadowed by the great number of errors which should have earned them some valuable points.

Au and Lee ran through the first set conceding only one game, playing their shots with accuracy rather than speed.

The second set saw Beirne in the limelight when his first services began to find their mark. Doyle gave able support, the net with some terrific over-volleyed smashes, through the Au-Lee defence after 4-all and 5-all had been called.

The Chinese pair immediately took the lead of the first two games in the second set.

Doyle came into his own just then with his overhead smashes to enable them to break through Lee's service and reduce their deficit to 2-1.

Beirne served his way to 2-all in the next game, and the score mounted up evenly until 4-all was called. Au then dropped a critical service game to let the RAF pair take the lead.

With Doyle serving, the latter went to a 40-30 lead, but a miss to an easy kill at the net followed by two double faults in succession by him became the turning point of the match, the next two games going to Lee and Au just before time was called by the umpire.

Yesterday's games were also noteworthy in that creditable performances were given by two grand veterans of the court, 62-year-old Daniel Chan, and M.W. Lo, a former Colony Singles champion.

Chan found the pace set by Stokes and Segalen a little too fast for him, but Lo, in partnership with Treng, had the better of their younger opponents.

FULL SCORES:
L.F. Stokes and R. Segalen beat Daniel Chan and M.L. Chan, 6-2, 7-5.

J. L. C. Pearce and Fitzroy Williams beat C.H. Wigglesworth and D. Nolan, 7-5, 8-6.

M. Heenan and M.W. Lo beat F.A. Fisher and Capt. R.W. Macreth, 6-0, 6-1.

N. Lo and D. Lo beat Albert Chan and Lawrence Chan, 7-5, 6-4.

Lee Boon-sing and T.T. Chen beat Peter M.F.U. and C. Lau, 6-1, 6-1.

Au Kam-moon and Lee Chun-ki beat J. S. Beirne and A.J. Doyle, 6-1, 6-8, 7-5.

Today's Games
HKCC Club Singles Championship
Court 1: W.G.D. Cooper vs. B.T.M. Jones.

Court 2: G.S. Cockhead vs. P.H. Bannerman.

Court 3: A. Farrer vs. G.H. Wigglesworth.

Court 4: G.A. Lemay vs. Dr. H. Meyer.

Court 5: H.J. Armstrong vs. R. Segalen.

Court 6: J.D. Mackie vs. J. Barlow.

Umpires:
L.F. Stokes, C.W.L. Way, J. Bradbury, J.B. Kite, and B. Deacon.

Mrs. Haig Wins Ladies' Title

The final of the Ladies Golf Championship played on the Old Course at Fanling on Tuesday, March 1 was won by Mrs. J. Haig by three and one.

Mrs. Haig has played for Wales on several occasions. She was round in 85 and showed very good form particularly off the tee.

Her opponent Mrs. S. Bone is also a seasoned golfer in the County Class and played a very nice game but failed to make use of the few opportunities given her.

Bunkers were popular throughout the game and it was not a day for putting to drop.

The bronze division final was also played and resulted in a win for Mrs. D.M. Cuthbertson who beat Mrs. A. B. Luskman by two and one after a four struggle.

With all last Saturday's Cup Matches decided, league football comes back into its own again and a full programme is provided. Undoubtedly the match of the week will be at the Valley, where Charlton and Manchester United do battle. The latter will be striving to get those much needed points if they still wish to retain an interest in league honours.

Last season saw the United take full points both at home and away, but Charlton are a different proposition this season, and a four struggle should ensue.

Newcastle who are playing great football this season should account for Sunderland at St. James' Park.

The Portsmouth-Villa match at Fratton Park should provide an interesting game. Although Pompey have yet to be beaten on their home ground this season, Villa's much improved form of late would suggest that they might come away with at least a point—Yes, I would say a draw was a good bet here.

In the Second Division Southampton the leaders, are away to lowly Coventry and should take full points from this game.

W.I.A. will have a tough game with Fulham and will be hard pushed to win through. Albion won both games last season but with Fulham still in the promotion race the latter will be all out for the points.

A strengthened Lincoln should beat Grimsby.

Swansea Picked
In Division III (South) Swansea should further consolidate their position at the head of the table at the expense of Port Vale.

Bournemouth are expected to beat Southend and Brighton should account for lowly Watford.

Hull City in the Third Division (North), no longer having an interest in the Cup, will now doubt concentrate on attaining league honours—which they so

thoroughly deserve on their display this season. They are at home to Huddersfield this Saturday and are expected to come through with flying colours.

Another game worthy of mention this week is the Rotherham-Darlington clash. With two teams so evenly matched I should plump for a draw here.

Forecasts for matches being played on March 5—

DIVISION I
BIRMINGHAM v Bolton
Burnley v ARSENAL
Charlton v Manchester U.
CHELSEA v Liverpool
Everton v Blackpool
MANCHESTER C. v Sheffield U.
Middlesbrough v WOLVES
NEWCASTLE v Sunderland
Preston v Aston Villa
Preston v DERBY COUNTY
STOKE v Huddersfield

DIVISION II
BRENTFORD v Queens Park R.
Bury v Plymouth
CHESTERFIELD v Notts Forest
Coventry v SOUTHAMPTON
Leeds United v BRADFORD
LEICESTER v Luton
LINCOLN v Grimsby
SHEFFIELD W. v Barnsley
TOTTENHAM v Cardiff
West Brom. v Fulham
WEST HAM v Blackburn

DIVISION III (SOUTH)
BURNMOUTH v Southend
BRISTOL ROVERS v Swindon
Crystal P. v Aldershot
IPSWICH v Northampton
NEWPORT v Leyton O.
Notts County v Norwich
READING v Millwall
SWANSEA v Port Vale
TORQUAY v Bristol City
Walsall v Exeter
Watford v BRIGHTON

DIVISION III (NORTH)
Accrington v Rochdale
Barrow v Crewe
Bradford City v CARLISLE
DONCASTER v Gateshead
HALIFAX v Stockport
HULL v Hartlepool
MANCHESTER v Southport
Oldham v New Brighton
ROTHERHAM v Darlington
TRANMERE v Chester
WREXHAM v York.

SAINTS WIN
St. Joseph's College scored an overwhelming victory over Ying Wah College in a Senior Division School Football League soccer game at Happy Valley yesterday, winning by seven clear goals.

The Saints outplayed their opponents in every department of the game and fully deserved their win.

The following will represent the YMCA in a Hockey Association fixture against Cable and Wireless on the YMCA ground, King's Park on Sunday at 10 a.m.

Robertson: Gibbons, D. Inglis, Blenkinsop, Smith, Bull, Boycott, Welldon, Jakes, Slater, Hunt.

Reserves: A. Inglis and Readman.

TUESDAY
Court 1: R. Segalen v P. Poon.
Court 2: T. E. Baker v Wong Siu-ki.
Court 3: K. H. Ip v Lee Yue-wing.

Court 4: H. A. Ayres v G. Choa.
Court 5: Lee Boon-sing v F. V. Harrison.

Court 6: P. V. Sellers v Tsui Wai-pui.

WEDNESDAY
Court 1: 3rd round of 3rd quarter (Open Singles).
Court 2: 3rd round of 4th quarter (Open Singles).
Court 3: 3rd round of 5th quarter (Open Singles).
Court 4: 3rd round of 6th quarter (Open Singles).
Court 5: G. S. Cockhead v E. H. Williams (Club Handicap Singles).

Court 6: N. C. Begley v A. T. Dow (Club Handicap Singles).

THURSDAY
Court 1: Ho Ka-lau and Pang Hui-lam v Lee Wai-long and K. H. Ip.
Court 2: D. J. Leonard and L. F. de Souza v Tsui Brothers.

Court 3: 2nd round 3rd quarter (Club Singles).
Court 4: 2nd round of 4th quarter (Club Singles).
Court 5: 2nd round of 5th quarter (Club Singles).
Court 6: W. Sloker v J. Barrow (Handicap Singles).

FRIDAY
Court 1: 3rd round of 1st quarter (Open Doubles).
Court 2: 3rd round of 2nd quarter (Open Doubles).
Court 3: 3rd round of 3rd quarter (Open Doubles).
Court 4: 3rd round of 4th quarter (Open Doubles).
Court 5: 3rd round of 5th quarter (Open Doubles).
Court 6: 3rd round of 6th quarter (Open Doubles).
Court 7: 3rd round of 7th quarter (Open Doubles).
Court 8: 3rd round of 8th quarter (Open Doubles).
Players are reminded that matches are to start as near to 5 a.m. as possible.

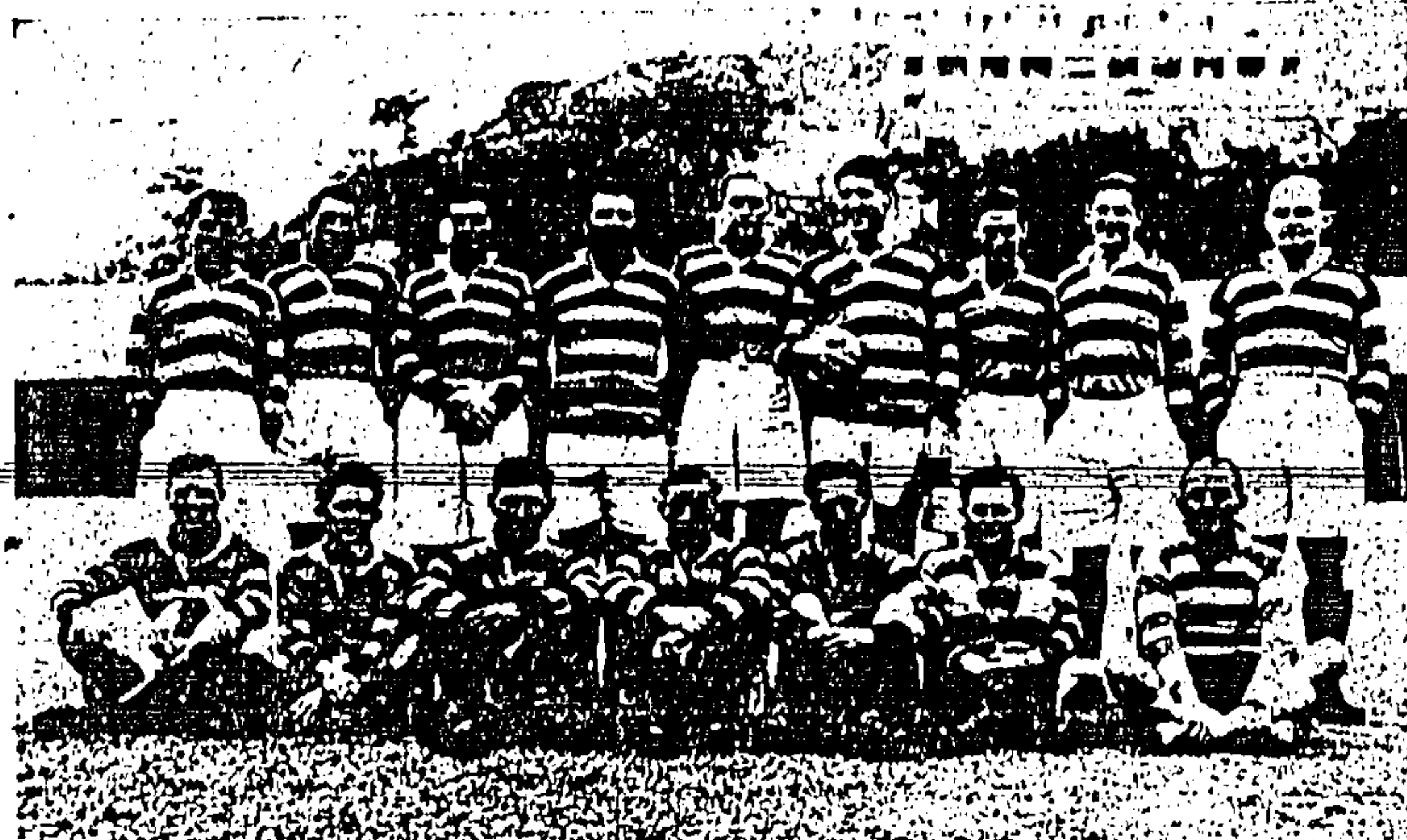
Club Handicap matches will start during the week commencing March 7. All Club Members are asked to watch the Club Notice Board for fixtures, which will also appear in the "China Mail".

Simultaneously with his shock announcement, Louis stated that he has asked and received permission from the National Boxing Association of America to sponsor a fight between Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott for the world title at Chicago next June.

The London promoter, Jack Solomons, immediately countered with the news that he intends to put the American heavyweight, Lee Savold, into the ring against the winner of the June bout between the Britons, Bruce Woodcock and Freddie Mills, for the world title.

This contest Solomons proposes to put on in London next September.

Bill Daily, Savold's manager, announced in New York that he will claim the world heavyweight title for Savold if the American beats the winner of the Woodcock-Mills bout.



The Hong Kong United Services rugby team, which went down to the Singapore visitors by 8 points to five yesterday at Sookunpoo. ("China Mail" Photo)

Ortiz Beats Marino To Keep Crown

Honolulu, March 1.

Bantamweight champion Manuel Ortiz, of El Centro, California, successfully defended his world title tonight by taking a 15-round decision from Dado Marino, game challenger of Honolulu, before 10,500 fans in Honolulu Stadium.

Ortiz' hard right uppercut helped him prove he is still king of the bantamweight division as he cut Marino's face to a bloody, swollen pulp.

The little brown challenger from Hawaii was hardly recognizable from cuts on the cheeks and mouth, but at the final bell he was still swinging at the champ through a haze of blood in a ring made slippery by a light rain that began falling in the final rounds.

In the early rounds both fighters traded blow for blow, but neither could put the other down. Then Ortiz' vicious smashing right uppercut began to cut up the challenger.

Marino, trying to bring Hawaii's first world title, fought gamely through the last rounds but his punches had lost their sting. It was the terrific left-fighting that gave Ortiz a chance to use his lethal right as the boxers fought in close but without clinching.

Ortiz' Press tabulation gave Ortiz 10 rounds and Marino two, with three even—United Press.

POLO AND HUNT CLUB
The next meet of the Polo and Hunt Club will take place at noon on Sunday March 6, at Mai Po, which is on the main road about one mile West of San Tin.

Horses may be brought out on application to Miss de Burgh Morris. Tel: 57102.

London, March 1.
St. Mary's Hospital beat London Hospital by six points to three in the semi-final of the Hospital Cup (Rugby) today. Reuter

Hong Kong Scores
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Visiting XV Defeat HK United Services

In a splendid game at Sookunpoo yesterday, a very much improved Singapore side defeated Hong Kong United Services rugby XV by 8 points to 5—a good indication of the game.

The visitors played grand football throughout, their line-out work being particularly good, and many dangerous moves by their forwards' short interpassing tactics were just held by the Colony.

Roland-Price and Baker were particularly outstanding in a very able pack. Their halves were very definitely on top of Hong Kong, their combination being almost perfect.

The visitors' backs were always dangerous in possession and it was a delight to watch the ball being thrown about so effortlessly with ground being gained all the time.

Vandemoulen, after failing in the first half to stop a good dribble by Hong Kong, settled down to play a sound game.

His stopping of Stovell, when the latter was taking the ball up the field, at his feet was an object lesson to the majority of Hong Kong's rugby players.

Led by Dalghish, the Colony's United Services pack did all that was asked of them and more. Dalghish, Stovell, Milne and McCleat all played well. Poppin's display was one of his best, and he was probably the most outstanding forward on the field.

Further back, Hong Kong's appointed, and with the exception of Pritchett and Tulip, appeared overawed by the occasion.

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Army's Defeat By Navy Big Surprise

(By "MID-ON")

Biggest surprise of the week-end League cricket programme was the defeat of Army at the hands of Royal Air Force at Sookunpoo in a match which produced but 161 runs between the two teams.

As may be judged from the scores, bowlers took the upper hand, Banton being the most successful for the Army with six for 32 in 11 overs, while Hodgson's five for 19 and Gambrill's four 25 represent the best RAF efforts.

While this was going on at Sookunpoo, Recreation (twent merrily on at King's Park to consolidate their position at the top of the League Table by scoring a 90-run win over Navy, thanks to Albert Prata's 25 and L.G. Gosano's 56.

The match at Sookunpoo saw the RAF batting first. According to custom, Stepto opened the attack for Army, but his first stuff however did not hold any terrors for the visiting Alirmen who found Banton well-nigh unplayable.

O. J. three batsmen, Hinchwood (38), Morris (21) and Rollett (14) ran into double figures. The first-named brought off some classy shots all round the wicket and indeed looked well on his way to a really big score when Banton sent out down on the blind spot and bowled him neck and crop.

I expected Craigsgower to put up a much better show than 60 against "Scorpions" although I never at any time thought they would win. All of their bowlers failed and Kerr (53), Pearce (70) and Newton (41) took full advantage of the very mediocre stuff that was sent down. "Scorpions" finally declaring at 191 for nine.

When Craigsgower batted it was just one procession to and from the Pavilion, for apart from Tay (20) and Dillimoria, none of the other batsmen reached double figures, and the side totalled only 60 runs.

I notice that K.M. Rumlaha has thrown in his lot with the Happy Valley Club. Rumlaha learned his cricket at IRC and at one time showed promise of developing into a good bat. Of recent years he has not played much, but all the same he should prove an acquisition to the weak Craigsgower team.

On Sunday, the two Cricket Club teams—"Scorpions" and "Optimists"—engaged in a friendly which the former won by five wickets. Murray-Brown (Army) turned out for the winners, for whom he was top-scorer with 64 runs.

The only Second Division League match over the week-end resulted in a win for Royal Navy over Recreation by seven wickets.

Recreation failed badly when they batted first and could muster only 11 runs. J.L. Alves being top-scorer with 11. Winyard bowled accurately to take seven for 22, while Windmill scored 41 and Winyard helped with 25 to give Navy an easy win.

For Optimists' Arthy was the most successful batsman, scoring 41 before he was out to a catch off McLellan.

The following will represent the Club de Recreo 1st XI in a First League cricket match against Indian Recreation Club at King's Park on Saturday, at 1.45 p.m. sharp:

A.M. Prata (Capt.), P.M.N. Silva Jr., Dr. A.M. Rodriguez, Dr. L.G. Gosano, G.N. Gosano, L.G. Gosano, B.T. Gosano, R.P. Pereira Jr., N.A. Beltrao, Dr. H.L. Osozilo and E.M.L. Soares. Umpire: Mr. A.V. Gosano.

RECREIO 2nd XI
The following have been chosen to represent Club de Recreo 2nd XI in a Second League Cricket match against Indian Recreation Club at Sookunpoo on Saturday, at 1.45 p.m. sharp:

A.L. Noronha (Capt.), E.A.R. Alves, J.L.R. Alves, C.A. Gutierrez, I.E. Gutierrez, L.A. Luz, L.J. Remedios, D.M. Rodrigues, E.M. Rosario, A. do O. Sales and L. Vieira.

Flying Colours
There was a conglomeration of Gosanos in the bowling analysis, and to work out the details one needs to be an expert at jig-saw puzzles. The great thing was that the Club colours were kept flying proudly and between them they got the opposition out ably supported by Pereira's three for 12.

'Shamateurism' In Singapore Sports
Singapore, March 2.

An ailment familiar to some sports figures in the amateur world has shaken soccer in Singapore.

Here it is known as "shamateurism."

A sports enthusiast writing to the Straits Times over the signature "Open the Door," says the shocking situation in soccer must be thrashed out once and for all.

He writes: "Shamateurism does exist and knowledge of it is common amongst officials and players." Then, he lists four methods in which this situation manifests itself in soccer. They are:

1—A player injures a muscle. He goes to a "quack" for a rub-down and is charged \$2 a visit for five trips. He then bills his club for 10 visits at \$3 per visit. Profit: \$75.00.

2—A player complains of an internal injury. He gets treatment that costs \$75.00 from a Chinese "medicinal" man known here as a "sensen." He charges the club \$75.00.

3—Before a big match the star player adopts an attitude best described as "give or face the consequences." Club officials would prefer to have him play his best game so they set out to gain his favour by entertaining him lavishly. They want him in the proper mood for the contest.

4—Star players get star employment. In fact, clubs vie with each other to see which can get the better athletes better jobs.

To these charges the Straits Times' editor replied:

"On the prevalence of 'shamateurism' in Singapore soccer, we cannot agree more with him. We can, in fact, furnish more examples of it, one of the worst being the 'retainers' paid last season to certain players." Associated Press.

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